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2020 LEGISLATIVE REQUEST Reserve Component Duty Status Reform

ISSUE: EANGUS supports the consolidation of authorities which is known as duty status reform as long as none of the current benefits for each type of duty are sacrificed

BACKGROUND:

Congress has mandated numerous commissions that chartered and reported out concerning duty status reform. There are currently about 30 statuses of duty in which a member of the Reserve Components may be ordered to Active, State or Federal duty. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115-91), Section 513, Consolidation of authorities to order members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces to perform duty reduces 30 disparate duty statuses into four categories:

- Active duty for contingency operations or in support of a combatant command;
- Active service not for contingency operations or in support of a combatant command, that might consist of training, administration, operational support, and full-time support.
- Inactive service such as drilling or partial day service
- Remote duty not under direct military supervision, such as correspondence courses

Public Law 115-91 also states that the consolidation of authorities should minimize disruptions in pay and benefits for members.

RECOMMENDATION:

EANGUS asks that Congress support the intention of Section 513 of Public Law 115-91 and maintain the same benefit structure for members and their families as they currently enjoy as Congress considers the consolidation of authorities in law.