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FISCAL YEAR 2022 SUPPORT FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

The education of a military child is a readiness issue. Men and women serving our country rely on local school districts to provide quality education and counseling programs in a safe and secure environment for their children. As a nation, we honor the sacrifices of our service members by investing in their children's capacity for greatness through education. With the country at war for nineteen years, all military children in primary and secondary school have never known a world at peace. Today, there are more than 980,000 children of active-duty personnel. More than a 1/3 of these children receive their education from heavily impacted public-school districts. Support for military families begins by supporting the children of the military serving our nation. 37% of active-duty members are married with children and 4% are single parents. Family stress, continued high deployment, and the increased special needs for children with disabilities further support increased funding for children of our service members.

Background Information

The DoD Impact Aid Funding for military children began in 1990 to help school districts with high concentrations of military students.

- In order to qualify, a school district must have an enrollment of at least 20% military children.
- 104 school districts qualify for the program based on 20% criteria.
- Good schools support readiness, recruitment, and retention programs in an all-volunteer service.
- Schools are a key component in quality-of-life programs for military families.
- Funding enables schools to meet the unique needs of military children and their parents facing the stress of repeated deployments.
- The need to support military children with disabilities poses a mounting challenge to heavily impacted school districts.

Recommendation

- Authorize and appropriate \$50 million in DOD defense-wide O&M, Department of Defense Education Activity, Line 4GTJ for DOD Impact Aid to support children of military families attending stationed heavily impacted school districts.
- Authorize and appropriate \$20 million in DOD defense-wide O&M, Department of Defense Education Activity, Line 4GTJ for Aid for Children with Disabilities to support children of military families with disabilities.