

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require a report and briefing on the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BENNET

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle E of title V, add the following:

2 **SEC. 569. REPORT AND BRIEFING ON THE SENIOR RESERVE**

3 **OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.**

4 (a) REPORT ON VARIOUS EXPANSIONS OF THE

5 CORPS.—Not later than one year after the date of the en-

6 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit

7 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and

8 the House of Representatives a report setting forth the

9 following:

1 (1) An assessment of the feasibility and advis-
2 ability of distance learning programs for the Senior
3 Reserve Officers' Training Corps for students at
4 educational institutions who reside outside the viable
5 range for a cross-town program.

6 (2) An assessment of the feasibility and advis-
7 ability of expanding the eligibility of institutions au-
8 thorized to maintain a unit of the Senior Reserve
9 Officers' Training Corps to include community col-
10 leges.

11 (b) BRIEFING ON LONG-TERM EFFECTS ON THE
12 CORPS OF THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN RECENT PROHI-
13 BITIONS.—

14 (1) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall brief the congressional
17 defense committees on the effects of the prohibitions
18 in section 8032 of the Department of Defense Ap-
19 propriations Act, 2019 (division A of Public Law
20 115–245) on the long-term viability of the Senior
21 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (SROTC).

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The matters addressed by the
23 briefing under paragraph (1) shall include an assess-
24 ment of The effects of the prohibitions described in
25 paragraph (1) on the following:

1 (A) Readiness.

2 (B) The efficient manning and administra-
3 tion of Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
4 units.

5 (C) The ability of the Armed Forces to
6 commission on a yearly basis the number and
7 quality of new officers they need and that are
8 representative of the nation as a whole .

9 (D) The availability of Senior Reserve Of-
10 ficers' Training Corps scholarships in rural
11 areas.

12 (E) Whether the Senior Reserve Officers'
13 Training Corps program produces officers rep-
14 resentative of the demographic and geographic
15 diversity of the United States, especially with
16 respect to urban areas, and whether restrictions
17 on establishing or disestablishing units of the
18 Corps affects the diversity of the officer corps
19 of the Armed Forces.