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# S. 5119

To eliminate the position of the Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

To eliminate the position of the Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Military  
5 Focus Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF THE CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER**

7 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

8 (a) REPEAL OF POSITION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 147 of title 10,  
2 United States Code, is repealed.

3           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
4 tions at the beginning of chapter 4 of such title is  
5 amended by striking the item relating to section  
6 147.

7           (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 913 of the Wil-  
8 liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-  
9 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134  
10 Stat. 3802) is repealed.

11 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SIMILAR PO-**  
12 **SITIONS.**

13           No Federal funds may be obligated or expended to  
14 establish a position within the Department of Defense that  
15 is the same as or substantially similar to—

16           (1) the position of Chief Diversity Officer, as  
17 described in section 147 of title 10, United States  
18 Code, as such section was in effect on the day before  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act; or

20           (2) the position of Senior Advisor for Diversity  
21 and Inclusion, as described in section 913(b) of the  
22 William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-  
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law  
24 116–283; 134 Stat. 3803), as such section was in ef-

1       fect on the day before the date of the enactment of  
2       this Act.

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