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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. VELA, Ms. HAALAND, and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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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 “Public Accountability  
5 on Nominations Offered that Result in Admissions to Mili-  
6 tary Academies Act of 2020” or the “PANORAMA Act  
7 of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION ON NOMINATIONS AND APPLICA-**  
2 **TIONS FOR MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.**

3 (a) CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS PORTAL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary, in consultation with the Superintendents of  
7 the military service academies, shall ensure that  
8 there is a uniform online portal for all military serv-  
9 ice academies that enables Members of Congress to  
10 nominate individuals for appointment to each acad-  
11 emy through a secure website.

12 (2) INFORMATION COLLECTION AND REPORT-  
13 ING.—The online portal established under paragraph  
14 (1) shall—

15 (A) collect, from each Member of Con-  
16 gress, the demographic information described in  
17 subsection (b) for each individual nominated by  
18 the Member; and

19 (B) collect the information required to be  
20 included in each annual report of the Secretary  
21 under subsection (c) in a manner that enables  
22 the Secretary to automatically compile such in-  
23 formation when preparing the report.

24 (3) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The por-  
25 tal shall allow Members of Congress and their des-

1 ignees to view past nomination records for all appli-  
2 cation cycles.

3 (b) STANDARD CLASSIFICATIONS FOR COLLECTION  
4 OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA.—

5 (1) STANDARDS REQUIRED.—The Secretary, in  
6 consultation with the Superintendents of the military  
7 service academies, shall establish standard classifica-  
8 tions that cadets, midshipmen, and applicants to the  
9 academies may use to self-identify gender, race, and  
10 ethnicity and to provide other demographic informa-  
11 tion in connection with admission to or enrollment in  
12 an academy.

13 (2) CONSISTENCY WITH OMB GUIDANCE.—The  
14 standard classifications established under paragraph  
15 (1) shall be consistent with the standard classifica-  
16 tions specified in Office of Management and Budget  
17 Directive No. 15 (pertaining to race and ethnic  
18 standards for Federal statistics and administrative  
19 reporting) or any successor directive.

20 (3) INCORPORATION INTO APPLICATIONS AND  
21 RECORDS.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall in-  
23 corporate the standard classifications established  
24 under paragraph (1) into—

1 (A) applications for admission to the mili-  
2 tary service academies; and

3 (B) the military personnel records of ca-  
4 dets and midshipmen enrolled in such acad-  
5 emies.

6 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF  
7 MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICANTS.—

8 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than Sep-  
9 tember 30 of each year beginning after the date of  
10 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
11 to the congressional defense committees a report on  
12 the demographics of applicants to military service  
13 academies for the most recently concluded applica-  
14 tion year.

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph  
16 (1) shall include, with respect to each military serv-  
17 ice academy, the following:

18 (A) The number of individuals who sub-  
19 mitted an application for admission to the acad-  
20 emy in the application year covered by the re-  
21 port.

22 (B) Of the individuals who submitted an  
23 application for admission to the academy in  
24 such year—

1 (i) the overall demographics of appli-  
2 cant pool, disaggregated by the classifica-  
3 tions established under subsection (b) and  
4 by Member of Congress;

5 (ii) the number and percentage who  
6 received a nomination, disaggregated by  
7 the classifications established under sub-  
8 section (b) and by Member of Congress;

9 (iii) the number and percentage who  
10 received an offer for appointment to the  
11 academy, disaggregated by the classifica-  
12 tions established under subsection (b) and  
13 by Member of Congress; and

14 (iv) the number and percentage who  
15 accepted an appointment to the academy,  
16 disaggregated by the classifications estab-  
17 lished under subsection (b) and by Member  
18 of Congress.

19 (3) CONSULTATION.—In preparing each report  
20 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consult  
21 with the Superintendents of the military service  
22 academies.

23 (4) AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS AND DATA.—  
24 The Secretary shall—

1 (A) make the results of each report under  
2 paragraph (1) available on a publicly accessible  
3 website of the Department of Defense; and

4 (B) ensure that any data included with the  
5 report is made available in a machine-readable  
6 format that is downloadable, searchable, and  
7 sortable.

8 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) The term “application year” means the pe-  
10 riod beginning on January 1 of one year and ending  
11 on June 1 of the following year.

12 (2) The term “congressional defense commit-  
13 tees” has the meaning given that term in section  
14 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

15 (3) The term “machine-readable” has the  
16 meaning given that term in section 3502(18) of title  
17 44, United States Code.

18 (4) The term “military service academy”  
19 means—

20 (A) the United States Military Academy;

21 (B) the United States Naval Academy; and

22 (C) the United States Air Force Academy.

23 (5) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
24 of Defense.

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