watchstations, including any planned or recommended
changes in qualification standards for such watchstations.

(b) WATCHSTATIONS.—The watchstations covered by
the report required by subsection (a) are the following:

(1) Officer of the Deck.
(2) Combat Information Center Watch Officer.
(3) Tactical Action Officer.
(4) Engineering Officer of the Watch.
(5) Conning Officer or Piloting Officer.

Subtitle D—Military Justice

SEC. 531. INCLUSION OF STRANGULATION AND SUFFOCATION IN CONDUCT CONSTITUTING AGGRAVATED ASSAULT FOR PURPOSES OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 928 of
title 10, United States Code (article 128 of the Uniform
Code of Military Justice), is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (2), by adding “or” after the semicolon; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) who commits an assault by strangulation or suffocation;”.

(b) **Effective Date.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2019, immediately after the coming into effect of the amendment made by section 5441 of the Military Justice Act of 2016 (division E of Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2954) as provided in section 5542 of that Act (130 Stat. 2967; 10 U.S.C. 801 note).

**Sec. 532. Punitive Article on Domestic Violence Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.**

(a) **Punitive Article.**—

(1) **In General.**—Subchapter X of chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amended by inserting after section 928a (article 128a) the following new section (article):

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§ 928b. Art. 128b.

Any person who—

(1) commits a violent offense against a spouse, an intimate partner, or an immediate family member of that person;

(2) with intent to threaten or intimidate a spouse, an intimate partner, or an immediate family member of that person—
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“(A) commits an offense under this chapter against any person; or

“(B) commits an offense under this chapter against any property, including an animal;

“(3) with intent to threaten or intimidate a spouse, an intimate partner, or an immediate family member of that person, violates a protection order;

“(4) with intent to commit a violent offense against a spouse, an intimate partner, or an immediate family member of that person, violates a protection order; or

“(5) assaults a spouse, an intimate partner, or an immediate family member of that person by strangling or suffocating;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of subchapter X of chapter 47 of such title (the Uniform Code of Military Justice) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 928a (article 128a) the following new item:

“928b. 128b. Domestic violence.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on January 1, 2019, immediately after the coming into effect of the amendments made by the Military Justice Act of 2016 (division E of
Public Law 114–328) as provided in section 5542 of that Act (130 Stat. 2967; 10 U.S.C. 801 note).

SEC. 533. AUTHORITIES OF DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION, AND DEFENSE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE ARMED FORCES.


(1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection (d):

“(d) AUTHORITIES.—

“(1) HEARINGS.—The Advisory Committee may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the committee considers appropriate to carry out its duties under this section.

“(2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request by the chair of the Advisory Committee, a department or agency of the Federal Government shall provide information that the Advisory Committee considers necessary to carry out its duties under this section. In carrying out this para-
graph, the department or agency shall take steps to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of personally identifiable information.”.

SEC. 534. REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING SERVICES OF THE SPECIAL VICTIMS’ COUNSEL TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1, 2019, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the feasibility and advisability of expanding eligibility for the Special Victims’ Counsel programs under section 1044e of title 10, United States Code (hereinafter referred to as “the SVC programs”), to include victims of domestic violence.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report under this section shall include the following:

(1) The current workload of the SVC programs.

(2) An analysis of the current personnel authorizations for the SVC programs.

(3) The optimal personnel levels for the SVC programs.

(4) An analysis of the effects that the expansion described in subsection (a) would have on the SVC programs, including—
(A) the estimated increase in workload;

(B) the estimated number of additional personnel that would be required to accommodate such increase; and

(C) the ability of the military departments to fill any additionally authorized billets for SVC programs with qualified judge advocates who possess military justice experience.

SEC. 535. UNIFORM COMMAND ACTION FORM ON DISPOSITION OF UNRESTRICTED SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

The Secretary of Defense shall establish a uniform command action form, applicable across the Armed Forces, for reporting the final disposition of cases of sexual assault in which—

(1) the alleged offender is a member of the Armed Forces; and

(2) the victim files an unrestricted report on the alleged assault.

SEC. 536. STANDARDIZATION OF POLICIES RELATED TO EXPEDITED TRANSFER IN CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

(a) POLICIES FOR MEMBERS.—The Secretary of Defense shall modify, in accordance with section 673 of title
(b) Policy for Dependents of Members.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a policy to allow the transfer of a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps whose dependent is the victim of sexual assault perpetrated by a member of the Armed Forces who is not related to the victim.