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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To limit the use of funds to reduce the total number of members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who are deployed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4049

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military personnel for military the Department of Defense for military personnel for other purposes.

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1 At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 1242. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE**
4 **TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE**
5 **ARMED FORCES SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY**
6 **WHO ARE DEPLOYED TO THE FEDERAL RE-**
7 **PUBLIC OF GERMANY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
9 be appropriated by this Act, or authorized to be appro-

1 priated to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2020,
2 may be obligated or expended to reduce the total number
3 of members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty
4 who are deployed to the Federal Republic of Germany
5 below 34,500 until 60 days after the date on which the
6 Secretary of Defense certifies, not less than 30 days after
7 the submittal of the report required by subsection (b), to
8 the appropriate committees of Congress, that—

9 (1) such a reduction—

10 (A) is in the national security interest of
11 the United States;

12 (B) will not undermine the security of
13 United States allies and partners in Europe;

14 (C) will not undermine the deterrence and
15 defense posture of the North Atlantic Treaty
16 Organization;

17 (D) will not pose an unacceptable risk to
18 the ability of the Armed Forces to execute con-
19 tingency plans of the Department of the De-
20 fense;

21 (E) will not adversely impact ongoing oper-
22 ations of the Armed Forces, including oper-
23 ations in the areas of responsibility of the
24 United States Central Command and the
25 United States Africa Command;

1 (F) will not negatively impact military
2 families; and

3 (G) will not result in significant additional
4 costs for redeployment and relocation and asso-
5 ciated infrastructure; and

6 (2) the Secretary has appropriately consulted
7 with allies of the United States, including the Fed-
8 eral Republic of Germany and other members of the
9 North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Sec-
10 retary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
11 zation.

12 (b) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days be-
14 fore the submittal of a certification under subsection
15 (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the ap-
16 propriate committees of Congress a report that in-
17 cludes the following:

18 (A) A description of any security factor
19 that provides the basis for the decision to re-
20 duce the total number of members of the
21 Armed Forces serving on active duty who are
22 deployed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

23 (B) A description of the reduction in such
24 members of the Armed Forces to be certified,
25 including the number of active duty members of

1 the Armed Forces and support personnel to be
2 reduced and any other limitation on the number
3 of active duty or rotational members of the
4 Armed Forces present in the Federal Republic
5 of Germany.

6 (C) A plan for the relocation and redeploy-
7 ment of members of the Armed Forces from the
8 Federal Republic of Germany, and any associ-
9 ated relocation of military families, including
10 the proposed numbers and locations of relocated
11 or redeployed members of the Armed Forces
12 and military families, and an estimate of the
13 costs of such redeployment and relocation and
14 associated infrastructure.

15 (D) An assessment of the impact of such
16 reduction and redeployment on military fami-
17 lies, including—

18 (i) an assessment of the impact on the
19 availability of family support programs and
20 services in new locations, including options
21 for military spouse employment and quality
22 of care for Exceptional Family Member
23 Program enrollees;

24 (ii) an estimate of associated facilities
25 costs necessary to support military families

1 in new locations, such as housing, schools,
2 childcare, direct or purchased medical care,
3 commissaries, and exchanges;

4 (iii) an estimate of the number of
5 members of the Armed Forces who would
6 transition from accompanied tours in the
7 Federal Republic of Germany to unaccom-
8 panied tours in other locations;

9 (iv) an assessment of the impact of
10 family separation on the mental health and
11 stability of military spouses and children;
12 and

13 (v) an estimate of the number of re-
14 sulting vacancies of Department of De-
15 fense civil service positions, including such
16 positions presently filled by military
17 spouses.

18 (E) An assessment of the impact of such
19 reduction and redeployment on the ability of
20 the United States to meet its commitments
21 under the North Atlantic Treaty.

22 (F) An assessment of the impact of such
23 reduction and redeployment on the ability of
24 the Armed Forces—

1 (i) to execute contingency plans of the
2 Department of Defense;

3 (ii) to conduct training and exercises
4 with North Atlantic Treaty Organization
5 allies and to maintain a sufficient standard
6 of alliance interoperability; and

7 (iii) to perform assigned missions and
8 support of ongoing operations in the Mid-
9 dle East and Africa.

10 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
11 (1) shall be in classified form and shall include an
12 unclassified summary.

13 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In
14 this section, the term “appropriate committees of Con-
15 gress” means—

16 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
17 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
18 Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

19 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
20 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
21 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.