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To provide procedures for the selection of the Commandant of the Air Force
Institute of Technology, and for other purposes.

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Mr. TURNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To provide procedures for the selection of the Commandant
of the Air Force Institute of Technology, 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. ADMINISTRATION OF THE AIR FORCE INSTI-**
4 **TUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.**

5 (a) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 901 of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 9314a
7 the following new section:

8 **“§ 9314b. Administration of the Air Force Institute of**
9 **Technology.**

10 “(a) COMMANDANT.—

1 “(1) SELECTION.—The Commandant of the Air
2 Force Institute of Technology shall be selected by
3 the Secretary of the Air Force.

4 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—The Commandant shall be
5 one of the following:

6 “(A) ACTIVE-DUTY OFFICERS.—An active-
7 duty officer of the Air Force in a grade not
8 below the grade of colonel, who is assigned or
9 detailed to such position.

10 “(B) CIVILIANS.—A civilian individual, in-
11 cluding an individual who was retired from the
12 Air Force in a grade not below brigadier gen-
13 eral, who has the qualifications appropriate to
14 the position of Commandant and is selected by
15 the Secretary as the best qualified from among
16 candidates for the position in accordance
17 with—

18 “(i) the criteria specified in paragraph
19 (5);

20 “(ii) a process determined by the Sec-
21 retary; and

22 “(iii) other factors the Secretary con-
23 siderers relevant.

24 “(3) CONSULTATION OF RELEVANT INDIVID-
25 UALS.—Before making an assignment, detail, or se-

1 lection of an individual for the position of Com-
2 mandant, the Secretary shall—

3 “(A) consult with the Air Force Institute
4 of Technology Subcommittee of the Air Univer-
5 sity Board of Visitors;

6 “(B) consider any recommendation of the
7 leadership and faculty of the Air Force Insti-
8 tute of Technology regarding the assignment or
9 selection to that position; and

10 “(C) consider the recommendations of the
11 Air Force Chief of Staff.

12 “(4) FIVE YEAR TERM FOR CIVILIAN COM-
13 MANDANT.—An individual selected for the position
14 of Commandant under paragraph (1)(B) shall serve
15 in that position for a term of not more than five
16 years and may be continued in that position for an
17 additional term of up to five years.

18 “(5) RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS.—The quali-
19 fications appropriate for selection of an individual
20 for detail or assignment to the position of Com-
21 mandant include the following:

22 “(A) An academic degree that is either—

23 “(i) a doctorate degree in a field of
24 study relevant to the mission and function

1 of the Air Force Institute of Technology;
2 or

3 “(ii) a master’s degree in a field of
4 study relevant to the mission and function
5 of the Air Force Institute of Technology,
6 but only if—

7 “(I) the individual is an active-
8 duty or retired officer of the Air
9 Force in a grade not below the grade
10 of brigadier general; and

11 “(II) at the time of the selection
12 of that individual as Commandant,
13 the individual permanently appointed
14 to the position of Provost and Aca-
15 demic Dean has a doctorate degree in
16 a field of study relevant to the mission
17 and function of the Air Force Insti-
18 tute of Technology.

19 “(B) A comprehensive understanding of
20 the Department of the Air Force, the Depart-
21 ment of Defense, and joint and combined oper-
22 ations.

23 “(C) Leadership experience at the senior
24 level in a large and diverse organization.

1 “(D) Demonstrated ability to foster and
2 encourage a program of research in order to
3 sustain academic excellence.

4 “(E) Other qualifications, as determined
5 by the Secretary.

6 “(6) SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall detail offi-
7 cers of the Air Force of appropriate grades and
8 qualifications to assist the Commandant in—

9 “(A) the advanced instruction and profes-
10 sional and technical education of students and
11 the provision of research opportunities for stu-
12 dents; and

13 “(B) the administration of the Air Force
14 Institute of Technology.

15 “(b) PROVOST AND ACADEMIC DEAN.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established at the
17 Air Force Institute of Technology the civilian posi-
18 tion of Provost and Academic Dean.

19 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—

20 “(A) APPOINTMENT BY THE SEC-
21 RETARY.—The Provost and Academic Dean
22 shall be appointed by the Secretary for a term
23 of five years.

24 “(B) CONSULTATION.—Before making an
25 appointment to the position of Provost and

1 Academic Dean, the Secretary shall consult
2 with the Air Force Institute of Technology Sub-
3 committee of the Air University Board of Visi-
4 tors and shall consider any recommendation of
5 the leadership and faculty of the Air Force In-
6 stitute of Technology regarding an appointment
7 to that position.

8 “(3) COMPENSATION.—The Provost and Aca-
9 demic Dean is entitled to such compensation as the
10 Secretary prescribes, but not more than the rate of
11 compensation authorized for level IV of the Execu-
12 tive Schedule.

13 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) COMMANDANT.—The term ‘Commandant’
15 means the Commandant of the Air Force Institute
16 of Technology.

17 “(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
18 the Secretary of the Air Force.”.

19 (b) TREATMENT OF CURRENT COMMANDANT.—The
20 officer who is serving as Commandant of the Air Force
21 Institute of Technology at the time of the enactment of
22 this Act may serve as acting Commandant until the ap-
23 pointment of a Commandant in accordance with section
24 9314b of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
25 section (a).

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 901 of title 10, United States
3 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
4 section 9314a the following new item:

“9314b. Administration of the Air Force Institute of Technology.”.

