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To enhance the administration of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PORTMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To enhance the administration of the United States 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. ENHANCEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE**
4 **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF**
5 **TECHNOLOGY.**

6 (a) ENHANCEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 901 of title 10,
8 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
9 section 9314a the following new section:

1 **“§ 9314b. United States Air Force Institute of Tech-**
2 **nology: administration**

3 “(a) COMMANDANT.—

4 “(1) SELECTION.—The Commandant of the
5 United States Air Force Institute of Technology
6 shall be selected by the Secretary of the Air Force.

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

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

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

21 “(i) the criteria specified in paragraph
22 (5);

23 “(ii) a process determined by the Sec-
24 retary; and

25 “(iii) other factors the Secretary con-
26 siders relevant.

1 “(3) CONSULTATION OF RELEVANT INDIVID-
2 UALS.—Before making an assignment, detail, or se-
3 lection of an individual for the position of Com-
4 mandant, the Secretary shall—

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

8 “(B) consider any recommendation of the
9 leadership and faculty of the United States Air
10 Force Institute of Technology regarding the as-
11 signment or selection to that position; and

12 “(C) consider the recommendations of the
13 Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

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

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

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

1 “(i) a doctorate degree in a field of
2 study relevant to the mission and function
3 of the United States Air Force Institute of
4 Technology; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 “(E) Other qualifications, as determined
7 by the Secretary.

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

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

15 “(B) the administration of the United
16 States Air Force Institute of Technology.

17 “(b) PROVOST AND ACADEMIC DEAN.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established at the
19 United States Air Force Institute of Technology the
20 civilian position of Provost and Academic Dean.

21 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—

22 “(A) APPOINTMENT BY SECRETARY.—The
23 Provost and Academic Dean shall be appointed
24 by the Secretary for a term of five years.

1 “(B) CONSULTATION.—Before making an
2 appointment to the position of Provost and
3 Academic Dean, the Secretary shall consult
4 with the Air Force Institute of Technology Sub-
5 committee of the Air University Board of Visi-
6 tors and shall consider any recommendation of
7 the leadership and faculty of the United States
8 Air Force Institute of Technology regarding an
9 appointment to that position.

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

15 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
16 tions at the beginning of chapter 901 of such title
17 is amended by inserting after the item relating to
18 section 9314a the following new item:

“9314b. United States Air Force Institute of Technology: administration.”.

19 (b) TREATMENT OF CURRENT COMMANDANT.—The
20 officer who is serving as Commandant of the United
21 States Air Force Institute of Technology at the time of
22 the enactment of this Act may serve as acting Com-
23 mandant until the appointment of a Commandant in ac-

- 1 cordance with section 9314b(a) of title 10, United States
- 2 Code, as added by subsection (a).

