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S. 2505

To require a report on the effect of the phase-out of the reduction of Survivor Benefit Plan survivor annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2023

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

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. REPORT ON EFFECT OF PHASE-OUT OF REDUC-**
4 **TION OF SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN SURVIVOR**
5 **ANNUITIES BY AMOUNT OF DEPENDENCY**
6 **AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
8 submit to Congress a report on the effect of section 622

1 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1427) and the
3 amendments made by such section.

4 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to
5 subsection (a) shall include the following:

6 (1) An assessment on the effect that section
7 622 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
8 Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
9 1427) and the amendments made by such section
10 had on beneficiaries and any unintended con-
11 sequences that were a result of such section or
12 amendments.

13 (2) An evaluation of the authority that the Sec-
14 retary has in a situation when the Defense Finance
15 Accounting Service cannot verify the eligibility of a
16 spouse and payments are paused for the child.

17 (3) Recommendations for legislative action to
18 ensure the Secretary has the flexibility to make pay-
19 ments under subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 10,
20 United States Code, to dependent children that are
21 under the guardianship of someone other than the
22 surviving spouse.

23 (4) An assessment of the process of the Depart-
24 ment for determining eligibility for survivor benefits
25 under subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 10, United

1 States Code, and dependency and indemnity com-
2 pensation under chapter 13 of title 38, United
3 States Code, and the coordination between the De-
4 fense Finance Accounting Service and the Depart-
5 ment of Veterans Affairs for such benefits.

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