

# Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019

## Section-by Section

### *Section 1. Short Title*

This section provides that the bill may be cited as the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019”.

### *Section 2. Table of Contents*

The section lists the sections of the bill.

## **Title I – Authorizations**

### *Section 101. Authorization of appropriations*

This section amends section 4902 of title 14, United States Code, to authorize funding levels for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2020 at \$11.1 billion and for fiscal year 2021 at \$11.6 billion.

### *Section 102. Authorized levels of military strength and training*

This section amends section 4904 of title 14, United States Code, to authorize the levels of military strength and training for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

## **Title II– Coast Guard**

### *Section 201. Grade on retirement*

This section amends provisions of title 14, United States Code, to require the Secretary to make a determination of satisfactory service regarding the grade in which an officer is retired. The section also provides authority to retire an officer to a lower grade if such officer committed misconduct in a lower grade than that held at the time of retirement. The section also removes gender-specific terminology from provisions of title 14, United States Code. Aligns with DoD policy.

### *Section 202. Congressional affairs; Director*

This section amends title 14, United States Code, to require the Commandant of the Coast Guard to appoint a rear admiral (lower half) (O-7) or higher as Director of Congressional Affairs. This would align the Coast Guard with the other Armed Forces. DoD parity.

### *Section 203. Limitations on claims*

This section amends sections 937 and 938 of title 14, United States Code, to increase monetary limitations for the Commandant to settle admiralty claims against the Coast Guard and claims for damage to Coast Guard property. The increases align with inflationary increases since the enactment of the original authority for those provisions.

*Section 204. Authority for officers to opt out of promotion board consideration*

This section provides the authority for Coast Guard officers to opt out of promotion board consideration in limited circumstances. This provision aligns with authority provided to the other Armed Forces in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

*Section 205. Temporary promotion authority for officers in certain grades with critical skills*

This section amends section 5103(e)(3) of title 14, United States Code, to require that Coast Guard long-term major acquisition plans include costs to operate and sustain the vessels and aircraft included therein. This provision aligns with a requirement of the other Armed Forces included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

*Section 206. Career intermission program*

This section amends chapter 25 of title 14, United States Code, to authorize a program under which service members of the Coast Guard may be inactivated from active duty in order to meet personal or professional needs and then returned to the service at the end of such period. This provision aligns with authority provided to the other Armed Forces in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

*Section 207. Major acquisitions; operation and sustainment costs*

This section amends section 5103(e)(3) of title 14, United States Code, to require that Coast Guard long-term major acquisition plans include costs to operate and sustain the vessels and aircraft included therein. This provision aligns with a requirement of the other Armed Forces included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

*Section 208. Employment assistance*

This section amends chapter 27 of title 14, United States Code, to improve employment skills verification, accuracy of certificates of training and skills, and responsiveness to certification requests for Coast Guard members. This provision aligns with improvements made with regard to service members of the other Armed Forces in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018.

*Section 209. Reports on gender diversity in the Coast Guard*

This section requires the Commandant of the Coast Guard to determine which recommendations in the RAND Corporation's Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center

2019 report entitled “Improving Gender Diversity in the U.S. Coast Guard: Identifying Barriers to Female Retention” can practicably be implemented to promote gender diversity in the Coast Guard.

This section also requires the Commandant of the Coast Guard to submit a report to Congress on the actions the Coast Guard has taken or plans to take to implement such recommendations.

This section also amends chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code, to require the Coast Guard to submit a biennial report to Congress on gender diversity in the Coast Guard.

*Section 210. Disposition of infrastructure related to E-LORAN*

This section amends section 914 of title 14, United States Code, to prohibit the dismantling or disposal of infrastructure comprising the LORAN-C system until the later of the date of the conveyance of property in Port Spencer, Alaska, or the date the Secretary of Transportation determines that such infrastructure is not required to provide a position, navigation, and timing system.

This section further amends section 914 of title 14, United States Code, to deposit the proceeds of the sale of property under the administrative control of the Coast Guard and formerly used for the LORAN-C system into the Coast Guard Housing Fund.

*Section 211. Positions of importance and responsibility*

This section amends section 2103(c)(3) of title 14, United States Code, to clarify the treatment of rear admirals and rear admirals (lower half) serving outside the Coast Guard.

*Section 212. Research Projects; transactions other than contracts and grants*

This section amends title 14, United States Code, to authorize the Commandant of the Coast Guard to enter into certain transactions to carry out basic, applied, and advanced research projects, including adequate training for involved Coast Guard personnel. This section aligns with DOD policy.

*Section 213. Acquisition workforce authorities*

This section amends chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, to provide the Commandant of the Coast Guard acquisition workforce reemployment authority equivalent to that provided to the Secretary of Defense for members of the other Armed Forces. This section aligns with DOD policy.

*Section 214. Report on Coast Guard defense readiness resources allocation*

This section requires the Comptroller General of the United States to report on the Coast Guard's allocation of its resources to support its defense readiness mission with the Department of Defense, including funding allocated by the Coast Guard for these activities and reimbursement received from the Department of Defense for services rendered.

*Section 215. Report on the feasibility of liquefied natural gas fueled vessels*

This section requires the Coast Guard to submit a report to Congress on the potential use of liquefied natural gas fuels in Coast Guard vessels, including new and converted vessels.

**Title III – Shipping**

*Section 301. Electronic charts; equivalency*

This section amends section 3105 of title 46, United States Code, by requiring the use of electronic charts on certain U.S.-flag vessels that meet standards acceptable to the Secretary.

*Section 302. Passenger vessel security and safety requirements; application*

This section amends section 3507(k)(1) of title 46, United States Code, to require certain passenger vessels to comply with security and safety requirements by eliminating an exception for vessels engaged on coastwise voyages.

*Section 303. Non-operating individual*

This section amends title 46, United States Code, to set standards for persons on board merchant vessels who are not passengers, but also are not necessary for the navigation or safety of the vessel. This section removes the current requirement that such individuals must have a merchant mariner's document and imposes requirements with which such non-operating personnel must comply to qualify.

*Section 304. Small passenger vessels and uninspected passenger vessels*

This section amends section 12121 of title 46, United States Code, to provide vessels built in the United States that lose their coastwise trade privileges an opportunity to regain those privileges in a manner similar to vessels not built in the United States.

*Section 305. Installation Vessels.*

This section amends chapter 551 of title 46, United States Code, to include the definition of an "installation vessel" and clarify that the Jones Act does apply to the operation of "installation vessels" in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone. The section also authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to determine whether suitable U.S.-flagged installation vessels are available for use. If not, authority is granted to allow the use of foreign-flagged installation vessels if there are no suitable and available U.S.-flagged installation vessels for the proposed

use. This section also amends section 12138 of title 46, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to develop, maintain, and periodically update an inventory of installation vessels documented under chapter 121 of such title.

In addition, this section directs the Secretary of Homeland Security within 30 days after date of enactment to issue a notice on the modification or revocation of certain Letter Rulings with respect to the application of section 55102 of title 46 United States Code to offshore activities.

*Section 306. Advisory committees*

This section amends section 15106(c)(3) of title 46, United States Code, to align representation on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee with that set forth in the Committee's November 2016 charter.

This section also amends section 15109(j)(4) of title 46, United States Code, to authorize members of advisory committees to be available to testify before appropriate committees of Congress with respect to advice, reports, and recommendations submitted to the Coast Guard.

This section also amends chapter 555 of title 46, United States Code, to codify the Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee on matters relating to the U.S. maritime transportation and its seamless integration with other segments of the transportation system, including the viability of the U.S. Merchant Marine.

This section also replaces section 9307 of title 46, United States Code, and reauthorizes the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee on matters related to Great Lakes pilotage.

*Section 307. Expired maritime liens*

This section amends section 31343(e) of title 46, United States Code, to require the Secretary to remove a maritime lien after such lien expires.

*Section 308. Training; emergency response providers*

This section amends sections 70107 and 70132 of title 46, United States Code, to replace the term "law enforcement personnel" with the term "emergency response providers" to allow the Coast Guard to engage with a broader scope of partner agencies.

*Section 309. Aiming a laser pointer at a vessel*

This section amends chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, to prohibit causing the beam of a laser pointer to strike a vessel operating in the navigable waters of the United States.

*Section 310. Maritime transportation assessment*

This section amends section 55501 of title 46, United States Code, to require the Committee on the Marine Transportation System to include a compendium of federal programs engaged in the maritime transportation system in the submission provided to Congress every five years.

*Section 311. Safety of special activities*

This section amends chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, to authorize the Coast Guard to establish a safety zone to address special activities in the exclusive economic zone. For the purposes of this section, the term “special activities” includes space activities and offshore energy development activities on or near a fixed platform.

*Section 312. Engine cut-off switches; Use Requirement*

This section amends section 4312 of title 46, United States Code, to require operators of certain recreational vessels to use an engine “cut-off” switch link while operating on plane or above displacement speed.

*Section 313. Exemptions and equivalents*

This section amends section 4305 of title 46, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to accept a substitution for fittings, materials, equipment, arrangements, calculations, information, or tests required under chapter 43 of title 46, if the substitution provides an equivalent level of safety on the affected recreational vessels.

*Section 314. Security Plans; reviews*

This section amends section 70103 of title 46, United States Code, to require the Secretary to review not only of Area Maritime Security Plans, and vessel and facility security plans, but also updates to those plans.

*Section 315. Waiver of navigation and vessel inspection laws*

This section amends section 501(a) of title 46, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a written explanation of the circumstances requiring a waiver of navigation and vessel inspection laws in the interest of national defense.

*Section 316. Requirement for small shipyard grantees*

This section amends section 54101(d) of title 46, United States Code, to require that all funds distributed through the Maritime Administration’s Small Shipyard Grant Program to purchase materials are used for items produced or manufactured in the United States.

*Section 317. Independent study on the United States Merchant Marine Academy*

This section requires a report on the United States Merchant Marine Academy by the National Academy of Public Administration that assesses its systems, infrastructure, and information technology, and specifies an action plan to address programmatic needs to keep up with modern campuses.

*Section 318. Centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education*

This section amends 54102 of title 46, United States Code, by designating every State Maritime Academy as a Center of Excellence in maritime workforce training.

*Section 319. Renewal of merchant mariner licenses and documents*

This section amends section 7507 of title 46, United States Code, to clarify the Coast Guard's authority to renew existing merchant mariner credentials that are not otherwise extended.

**Title IV – Miscellaneous**

*Section 401. Coastwise trade*

This section requires the Commandant of the Coast Guard to review the adequacy of and continuing need for regulations requiring a United States documented vessel possessing a coastwise endorsement and engaged in coastwise trade to comply with regulations for vessels engaged in an international voyage. This section also requires Coast Guard briefings for Congressional committees on the findings of such review within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

*Section 402. Unmanned maritime systems and satellite vessel tracking technologies*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to assess regularly available unmanned maritime systems and satellite vessel tracking technologies for potential use to support missions of the Coast Guard and to consult with the Department of Defense, other Federal agencies, the academic sector, and developers and manufacturers of unmanned maritime systems and satellite vessel tracking technologies in doing so. This section also directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to submit a report on the actual and potential effects of the use of then-existing unmanned maritime systems and satellite vessel tracking technologies on the mission effectiveness of the Coast Guard biennially.

*Section 403. Expedited transfer in cases of sexual assault; dependents of members of the Coast Guard*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to establish a policy to allow the transfer of a member of the Coast Guard whose dependent is the victim of sexual assault perpetrated by a member of the Armed Forces who is unrelated to the victim. This provision

aligns with a requirement of the other Armed Forces included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019. DoD parity.

*Section 404. Towing vessels; operations outside the boundary line*

This section allows towing vessels listed on a vessel response plan as a response vessel on the date of the enactment of this Act to transit beyond the boundary line to fulfill those response vessel duties without being subject to additional requirements under title 46, United States Code, and titles 33 and 46, Code of Federal Regulations.

*Section 405. Coast Guard authorities study*

This section directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences under which the Academy will prepare an assessment of Coast Guard operational authorities, including whether such authorities are sufficient to address emerging technologies, processes, and activities in the maritime domain.

*Section 406. Cloud computing strategy*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to submit to Congress a description of the Coast Guard's strategy to implement cloud computing. This provision aligns with a requirement of the other Armed Forces included in the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019. DoD parity.

*Section 407. Report on effects of climate change on the Coast Guard*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to submit a report on vulnerabilities of Coast Guard installations and requirements resulting from climate change over the next twenty years. This provision aligns with a requirement of the other Armed Forces included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018.

*Section 408. Shore infrastructure*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to develop a plan to address Coast Guard shore infrastructure issues and to brief Congress on that plan.

*Section 409. Physical access control system report*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to submit to Congress a report on the Coast Guard's Physical Access Control System and the status of the Coast Guard's compliance with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) and Federal Information Processing Standard 201 (FIPS 201) regarding access to Coast Guard facilities and installations.



*Section 410. Coastwise Endorsements*

This section directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to issue certificates of documentation with coastwise endorsements for the vessels *Safari Voyager* (International Maritime Organization number 8963753) and *Pacific Provider* (United States official number 597967). This section also clarifies the eligibility of a fishing vessel to be a replacement vessel under the American Fisheries Act and receive a fishery endorsement under section 12113 of title 46, United States Code.

*Section 411. Polar security Cutter Acquisition Report*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to submit a report to Congress regarding the ongoing Polar Security Cutter acquisition not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

*Section 412. Sense of Congress on the need for a new Great Lakes icebreaker*

This section expresses the sense of Congress that the Nation needs an additional Great Lakes icebreaker to facilitate commerce in the Great Lakes.

*Section 413. Cargo Preference Study*

This section directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an audit regarding the enforcement of the United States cargo preference program under chapter 553 of title 46, United States Code.

*Section 414. Insider Threat program*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to brief Congress on a plan to expand the Coast Guard Insider Threat program to include the monitoring of all Coast Guard devices, including mobile devices.

*Section 415. Fishing safety grants*

This section states that paragraphs (3) and (6) of section 506 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) are not applicable to any funds appropriated for the purposes of the fishing safety grants programs under section 4517 of title 46, United States Code. This section ensures that the cost-share percentages in law at the time of such appropriations apply to grants of those funds.

*Section 416. Plans for demonstration programs*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to develop a plan for a demonstration program that will assess the feasibility of using unmanned maritime systems for surveillance of marine protected areas and to submit a report to Congress on that plan.

*Section 417. Waters deemed not navigable waters of the United States for certain purposes*

This section deems Coalbank Slough in Coos Bay, Oregon, to not be navigable waters of the United States for all purposes of subchapter J of Chapter I of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations.

*Section 418. Coast Guard Housing; Status and Authorities Briefing*

This section directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to brief Congress on Coast Guard housing, including the material condition of housing facilities, current housing construction and deferred maintenance backlogs, the manner in which the Coast Guard manages and maintains housing, and whether additional housing authorities would be beneficial.

*Section 419. Conveyance of Coast Guard property at Point Spencer, Alaska*

This section amends sections 533 and 534 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2016 to allow remedial actions required under section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)) to be completed after the transfer of property directed under section 533.

*Section 420. Prohibition*

This section prohibits the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating from establishing new anchorages on the Hudson River between Yonkers, New York, and Kingston, New York unless maritime safety or loss of life or property is at jeopardy. This section also requires a report of anchorages located on Hudson River between Yonkers, New York and Kingston, New York.

*Section 421. Certificate extensions*

This section amends Subchapter I of chapter 121 of title 46 to provide the Coast Guard the authority to extend the duration of a vessel certificate of documentation and certification of financial responsibility for a period of not more than one year.

*Section 422. Homeland security rotational cybersecurity research program at the Coast Guard Academy*

This section also amends title VIII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 411 et seq.) to establish a Homeland Security rotational cybersecurity research and training program at the Coast Guard Academy.

*Section 423. Towing vessel inspection fees*

This section prohibits the collection of towing vessel inspection fees until the Coast Guard completes a required review of inspection costs and promulgates regulations to establish specific inspection fees.

*Section 424. Subrogated claims*

This section amends section 1012(b) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2712(b)) to clarify the status of subrogated claims under that Act, stating that an insurer or other indemnifier of a responsible party or injured third party is subject to the subrogated rights of such party to such compensation.

*Section 425. Loan provisions under Oil Pollution Act of 1990*

This section amends section 1013 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2713) by striking subsection (f), a loan program for fishermen and aquaculture producer claimants, as such program has never been implemented and the process for making claims for similar amounts is sufficient.

*Section 426. Liability limits*

This section amends section 1004(d)(2) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2704(d)(2)) to provide different levels of liability for deepwater ports used in connection with the transportation of oil and those used in connection with the transportation of natural gas.

*Section 427. Report on drug interdiction in the Caribbean Basin*

This section requires a report from the Coast Guard regarding current drug interdiction efforts in the Caribbean and whether the number of maritime surveillance hours used to counter illicit drug trafficking meets mission requirements.

*Section 428. Voting requirement*

This section amends section 305(i)(1)(G)(iv) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1855(i)(1)(G)(iv)) to alter the voting requirement for the Pacific community development programs from a unanimous vote to a five-person majority.

*Section 429. Transportation work identification card pilot program*

This section amends section 70105(g) of title 46 to develop and implement a process for the joint application for merchant mariner's documents and for a transportation security card.

*Section 430. Plan for wing-in-ground demonstration plan*

This section requires the Commandant of the Coast Guard, in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration, to develop plans for a demonstration program that will

determine whether wing-in-ground craft can provide safe transportation to areas off the Outer Continental shelf, and for other purposes.

## **Title V – Reorganization**

### *Section 501. Uninspected commercial fishing industry vessels*

This section recodifies chapter 45 of title 46, United States Code. This is a technical reorganization and does not make any substantive changes to the chapter.

### *Section 502. Transfers*

This section redesignates section 215 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-293) as section 321 of title 14, United States Code.

This section also redesignates section 406 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-295) as section 719 of title 14, United States Code.

This section also redesignates section 1110 of title 14, United States Code, as section 5110 of that title.

This section also redesignates section 401 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-281) as section 1110 of title 14, United States Code.

This section also redesignates section 217 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-281) as section 5111 of title 14, United States Code. It also amends that section to address sexual harassment in addition to sexual assault.

This section also redesignates section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriations Act of 1915 (33 U.S.C. 471) as section 70007 of title 46.

This section also redesignates section 3 of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. 1902) subsections (e) through (i) as subsections (f) through (j), respectively. It also incorporates the discharge of agricultural cargo residue into the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships.

This section also redesignates section 204 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 1902a) as section 3(e) of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. 1902(e)).

This section also redesignates section 304 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-241) as subsection (j) of section 5 of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504).

### *Section 503. Repeals*

This section repeals the following:

- Section 8303 of title 46, United States Code;
- Section 9102(b) of title 46, United States Code;
- Section 343 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-295); and
- Section 9(c) of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-90).

## **Title VI– Technical, Conforming, and Clarifying Amendments**

### *Section 601. Maritime transportation system*

This section amends titles 14 and 46, United States Code, to standardize the use of “maritime transportation system” throughout the U.S. Code.

### *Section 602. References to “persons” and “seaman”*

This section amends titles 14 and 46, United States Code, to correct the use of the terms “person”, “individual”, “seaman”, and “mariner”.

### *Section 603. Common appropriation structure*

This section amends titles 14 and 46, United States Code, as well as existing law outside those titles, to reflect the implementation of a new common appropriation structure for the Coast Guard, in alignment with the appropriation for fiscal year 2019.

### *Section 604. References to “himself” and “his”*

This section amends title 14, United States Code, to correct the use of the terms “himself” and “his”.

### *Section 605. References to “motorboats” and “yachts”*

This section amends titles 14 and 46, United States Code, as well as section 352 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 352), to correct the use of the terms “yacht” and “motorboat”.

### *Section 606. Miscellaneous technical corrections*

This section amends titles 14 and 46, United States Code, and other provisions of law to make technical corrections to changes made in the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282).

This section also makes technical corrections to the Act of June 21, 1940 (33 U.S.C. 511 et seq.). This section does not make any substantive changes to such Act.

This section also amends section 105(f)(2) of the Pribilof Islands Transition Act to correct an incorrect cross-reference contained therein.

*Section 607. Technical corrections relating to codification of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act*

This section corrects the inadvertent repeal of section 16 of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, as added by section 315 of the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanction act (Public Law 115-44) by section 402(e) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) by redesignating that section as section 70002 of title 46, United States Code, as of the date of the enactment of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018.

This section also amends such section to ensure proper cross-references.

**Title VII – Federal Maritime Commission**

*Section 701. Short title*

This section states this title may be cited as the “Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 2019”.

*Section 702. Authorization of appropriations*

This section authorizes appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2020 at \$29 million and for fiscal year 2021 at \$29.6 million.

**Title VIII – Coast Guard Academy Improvement Act**

*Section 801. Short title*

This section states this title may be cited as the “Coast Guard Academy Improvement Act”.

*Section 802. Coast Guard Academy Study*

This section directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) under which NAPA will prepare an assessment of the level of cultural competence at the Coast Guard Academy.

This section also requires the Commandant to submit a Final Action Memorandum and action plan for accepted items from NAPA’s recommendations.

*Section 803. Annual report*

This section amends chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code, to require the Coast Guard to submit an annual report to Congress on diversity at the Coast Guard Academy.

*Section 804. Assessment of Coast Guard Academy admission processes*

This section directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) under which NAPA will conduct a comprehensive review of the Coast Guard Academy admissions process.

*Section 805. Coast Guard Academy minority outreach team program*

This section amends chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, to establish a minority outreach team at the Coast Guard Academy.

*Section 806. Coast Guard college student pre-commissioning initiative*

This section amends chapter 21 of title 14, United States Code, to authorize a college student pre-commissioning initiative program for the Coast Guard.

*Section 807. Annual board of visitors*

This section amends section 1903 of title 14, United States Code, to require the Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors to include recruitment and retention within its scope of review.