S. 2058

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

July 9, 2019

Mr. Rounds 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. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Service Member and
- 5 Family Operational Tempo Relief Act of 2019".

1	SEC. 2. PERSONNEL TEMPO OF THE ARMED FORCES AND
2	THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
3	COMMAND DURING PERIODS OF INAPPLICA-
4	BILITY OF HIGH-DEPLOYMENT LIMITATIONS.
5	(a) In General.—Section 991(d) of title 10, United
6	States Code, is amended—
7	(1) by inserting "(1)" before "The Secretary";
8	and
9	(2) by adding at the end the following new
10	paragraph:
11	"(2)(A) Whenever a waiver is in effect under para-
12	graph (1), the member or group of members covered by
13	the waiver shall be subject to specific and measurable de-
14	ployment thresholds established and maintained for pur-
15	poses of this subsection.
16	"(B) Thresholds under this paragraph may be appli-
17	cable—
18	"(i) uniformly, Department of Defense-wide; or
19	"(ii) separately, with respect to each armed
20	force and the United States Special Operations
21	Command.
22	"(C) If thresholds under this paragraph are applica-
23	ble Department-wide, such thresholds shall be established
24	and maintained by the Under Secretary of Defense for
25	Personnel and Readiness. If such thresholds are applicable
26	only to a separate armed force or the Under States Special

- 1 Operations Command, such thresholds shall be established
- 2 and maintained by the Secretary of the Army, the Sec-
- 3 retary of the Navy (other than with respect to the Marine
- 4 Corps), the Secretary of the Air Force, the Commandant
- 5 of the Marine Corps (with respect to the Marine Corps),
- 6 and the Commander of the United States Special Oper-
- 7 ations Command, as applicable.
- 8 "(D) In undertaking recordkeeping for purposes of
- 9 subsection (c), the Under Secretary shall, in conjunction
- 10 with the other officials and officers referred to in subpara-
- 11 graph (C), collect complete and reliable personnel tempo
- 12 data of members described in subparagraph (A) in order
- 13 to ensure that the Department, the armed forces, and the
- 14 United States Special Operations Command fully and
- 15 completely monitor personnel tempo under a waiver under
- 16 paragraph (1) and its impact on the armed forces.".
- 17 (b) Deadline for Implementation.—Paragraph
- 18 (2) of section 991(d) of title 10, United States Code, as
- 19 added by subsection (a), shall be fully implemented by not
- 20 later than March 1, 2020.

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