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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SCANLON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ________________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Federal Firefighters Workforce Support Act”.
SEC. 2. NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL FIRE PROTECTION AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) fire protection staffing levels for all responses on military installations must rigorously comply with staffing benchmarks detailed in National Consensus Standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association; and

(2) fire protection is an essential service and therefore, budgetary considerations should not justify the degradation of installation emergency services.

(b) Standards Required.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that—

(1) members of the armed forces and employees of Defense Agencies who provide fire protection services to military installations shall comply with the National Consensus Standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association pursuant to section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-113; 15 U.S.C. 272 note);

(2) the minimum staffing requirement for any firefighting vehicle responding to a structural build-
ing emergency at a military installation is not less
than four firefighters per vehicle; and

(3) the minimum staffing requirement for any
firefighting vehicle responding to an aircraft or air-
field incident at a military installation is not less
than three firefighters per vehicle.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The terms “armed forces” and “Defense
Agency” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
tion 101 of title 10, United States Code.

(2) The term “firefighter” has the meaning
given that term in section 707(b) of the National
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020

(3) The term “military installation” has the
meaning given that term in section 2801 of title 10,
United States Code.