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At the end of subtitle I of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. COMPTROLLER GENERAL AND MILITARY DEPARTMENT REPORTS ON HAZING IN THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) Comptroller General Report.—

(1) Report required.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the designated congressional committees a report on the policies to prevent hazing, and systems initiated to track incidents of hazing, in each of the Armed Forces, including reserve components, officer candidate schools, military service academies, military academy preparatory schools, and basic training and professional schools for enlisted members.

(2) Elements.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An evaluation of the definition of hazing by the Armed Forces.
(B) A description of the criteria used, and the methods implemented, in the systems to track incidents of hazing in the Armed Forces.

(C) An assessment of the following:

(i) The scope of hazing in each Armed Force.

(ii) The policies in place and the training on hazing provided to members throughout the course of their careers for each Armed Force.

(iii) The available outlets through which victims or witnesses of hazing can report hazing both within and outside their chain of command, and whether or not anonymous reporting is permitted.

(iv) The actions taken to mitigate hazing incidents in each Armed Force.

(v) The effectiveness of the training and policies in place regarding hazing.

(vi) The number of alleged and substantiated incidents of hazing over the last five years for each Armed Force, the nature of these cases and actions taken to address such matters through non-judicial and judicial action.
(D) An evaluation of the additional actions, if any, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security propose to take to further address the incidence of hazing in the Armed Forces.

(E) Such recommendations as the Controller General considers appropriate for improving hazing prevention programs, policies, and other actions taken to address hazing within the Armed Forces.

(3) Designated Congressional Committees Defined.—In this subsection, the term “designated congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

(b) Military Department Reports.—

(1) Reports Required.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
each Secretary of a military department, in consultation with the Chief of Staff of each Armed Force under the jurisdiction of such Secretary, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report containing an update to the hazing reports required by section 534 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 1726).

(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report on an Armed Force required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A discussion of the policies of the Armed Force for preventing and responding to incidents of hazing, including discussion of any changes or newly implemented policies since the submission of the reports required by section 534 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

(B) A description of the methods implemented to track and report, including report anonymously, incidents of hazing in the Armed Force.

(C) An assessment by the Secretary submitting such report of the following:
(i) The scope of the problem of hazing in the Armed Force.

(ii) The effectiveness of training on recognizing, reporting and preventing hazing provided members of the Armed Force.

(iii) The actions taken to prevent and respond to hazing incidents in the Armed Force since the submission of the reports under such section.

(D) A description of the additional actions, if any, the Secretary submitting such report and the Chief of Staff of the Armed Force propose to take to further address the incidence of hazing in the Armed Force.