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Page 183, after line 5, insert the following new section:

SEC. 586. REPORT ON SEPARATION OF MINORITY MEMBERS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to determine whether—

(1) character of discharge and reenlistment codes are assigned equitably among all members; and

(2) the status of members of the Armed Forces as members of a protected class under title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352; 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.) increases the likelihood of discharge of such members under conditions other than honorable.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to the congressional defense committees regarding the results of the study under subsection (a).
(c) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (b) shall compare, with regard to minority members and other members during calendar years 2008 through 2017, the following:

(1) The character of discharge members receive upon separation from the Armed Forces.

(2) The types of reenlistment codes members receive.

(3) Any other information the Secretary determines appropriate to understand any disparity among the characters of discharge members of different races receive upon separation from the Armed Forces.

(4) If the Secretary determines that members described in subsection (a)(2) are more likely to receive a discharge under conditions other than honorable than other members of the Armed Forces—

(A) reasons the Secretary determines why such disparity exists; and

(B) whether substantially similar infractions result in consistent conditions of discharge and reenlistment codes.

(d) ONLINE PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish the report online not later than 15 days after sub-
mitting the report to the congressional defense commit-
pees.