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At the end of subtitle E of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3. STUDY ON ACCESS BETWEEN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND WASHINGTON, D.C. REGION.

(a) STUDY.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall carry out a study on access to and from the Washington, D.C., region through nonstop flights between the Washington, D.C. region, and cities where there are major military communities, particularly Joint Mobilization Force Generation Installations, including nonstop access through the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, and the Washington Dulles International Airport.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the study required under subsection (a). Such report shall include—

(1) a description of number of communities with Joint Mobilization Force Generation Installa-
tion or other military installations located in or near cities that, as of the date of the completion of the study, are not connected to Washington, D.C., Virginia, or Maryland through nonstop flights;

(2) an assessment of the effects of such lack of nonstop flights on the morale of members of the Armed Forces and their families who live in such communities and on their ability to freely travel given limited leave policies, including the effects on retention and recruitment;

(3) an assessment of any implications of such lack of nonstop flights for readiness and connectivity to defense assets and equities at such installations;

(4) an assessment on the burdens in cost and time imposed on members of the Armed Forces and their families when traveling to their station for training or permanent change of station moves using commercial airlines and airports when direct flights to airports with closer proximity to their installation are not conducted; and

(5) recommendations to make military installations more accessible by commercial air transport, particularly when local airports may be closer to such installations, including accessible to and from the United States capital so that members of the
Armed Forces and their families may be able to sustain trips to bolster their quality of life and to help installations improve retention and retainment.