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At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10. REPORT ON COST AND TIME BURDENS IMPOSED ON MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE COMMERCIAL FLIGHT SERVICES TO NEXT STATION FOR TRAINING OR PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION MOVES.

Not later than May 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the burdens, in both cost and time, imposed on members of the Armed Forces and their families who are traveling from their station for training or for permanent change-of-station moves using commercial airlines and airports when direct flights are not available between an airport close to the location of the base where they are stationed and an airport close to the location to which they need to travel. Such report shall include—

(1) an assessment of the average time a member of the Armed Forces is likely to spend in transit
when traveling by commercial air, aggregated by active duty and reserve status, to address rural and suburban installations;

(2) an assessment of the average cost to a member of the Armed Forces of commercial air transit when traveling to their next station for training or for a permanent change-of-station move, aggregated by active duty and reserve status, to address rural and suburban installations;

(3) a list of the 15 largest active military installations in the continental United States;

(4) an overview of commercial airline accessibility to the military installations on the list required by paragraph (3);

(5) an overview of commercial airline accessibility from such military installations to the United States capital, especially as it pertains to military families; and

(6) recommendations that could make such military installations more accessible by commercial air transport, particularly when local airports may be in closer proximity to such an installation, including accessible to and from the United States capital to enable members of the Armed Forces and their families to sustain trips to bolster quality of life and
engage with their Federal representatives should they choose to do so.