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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 7. REPORT ON OPERATIONAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.

Not later than January 1, 2021, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing a discussion of the following:

(1) Methods—

(A) to establish joint planning assumptions for the development of operational medical and dental personnel, including establishing a definition of which personnel may be identified as “operational”;

(B) to assess options to achieve joint efficiencies in medical and dental personnel requirements, including any associated risks;

(C) to apply joint planning assumptions and assess efficiencies and risks, for the purpose of determining operational medical and dental requirements;
(D) to identify and mitigate limitations in the clinical readiness metric, such as data reliability, information on reserve component providers and patient care workload performed outside of military medical treatment facilities established under section 1073d of title 10, United States Code, and the linkage between such metric and patient care and retention outcomes; and

(E) to determine which critical wartime specialties perform high-risk, high-acuity procedures and rely on perishable skill sets, for the purpose of prioritizing such specialities to which the clinical readiness metric may be expanded.

(2) Estimates of the costs and benefits relating to—

(A) providing additional training for medical personnel to achieve clinical readiness thresholds; and

(B) hiring additional civilian personnel in military medical treatment facilities to backfill medical providers of the Department of Defense who attend such training.