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Page 146, after line 16, insert the following:

SEC. 531. SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE.

(a) ARMY.—The Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Chiefs of the National Guard Bureau and the Army Reserve shall—

(1) conduct an evaluation of staffing approaches used to administer the sexual assault prevention and response program in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. In conducting such evaluation, the Secretary consider opportunities to leverage resources across all Army components and shall conduct an assessment of the number and allocation of full-time and collateral-duty personnel, the fill rates for program positions, and the types of positions used; and

(2) direct the Chief of the Army Reserve to develop and implement an expedited line-of-duty determination process for Army Reserve sexual assault victims, along with a method for tracking the length
of time to make the determinations, that ensure
members of the Armed Forces who wish to file a
confidential or restricted report are able to go
through the determination process without disclosing
their circumstances to the chain of command.

(b) SHARP PROGRAM OFFICE.—The Director of the
SHARP Program Office of the Army National Guard
shall—

(1) communicate and disseminate its guidance
on budget development and execution for the
SHARP program to all full-time SHARP program
personnel;

(2) develop clear guidance on budget develop-
ment and execution for the SHARP program and
disseminate this guidance to its full-time SHARP
program personnel; and

(3) expand the scope of the midyear review to
include monitoring and providing oversight of
SHARP program expenditures at the Army National
Guard state and Army Reserve command level.

(c) NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.—The Chief of the
National Guard Bureau, in collaboration with the Secre-
taries of the military departments concerned, shall reass-
sess the Office of Complex Administrative Investigation’s
timeliness and resources to determine how to improve the
timeliness of processing sexual assault investigations involving members of the Army National Guard and identify the resources needed to improve the timeliness of such investigations.