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To direct the Secretary of Defense to standardize, collect, and analyze information on the demographics of applicants to military service academies, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Public Accountability
5 on Nominations Offered that Result in Admissions to Mili-
6 tary Academies Act of 2020” or the “PANORAMA Act
7 of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION ON NOMINATIONS AND APPLICA-**
2 **TIONS FOR MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.**

3 (a) CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS PORTAL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary, in consultation with the Superintendents of
7 the military service academies, shall ensure that
8 there is a uniform online portal for all military serv-
9 ice academies that enables Members of Congress to
10 nominate individuals for appointment to each acad-
11 emy through a secure website.

12 (2) INFORMATION COLLECTION AND REPORT-
13 ING.—The online portal established under paragraph
14 (1) shall—

15 (A) collect, from each Member of Con-
16 gress, the demographic information described in
17 subsection (b) for each individual nominated by
18 the Member; and

19 (B) collect the information required to be
20 included in each annual report of the Secretary
21 under subsection (c) in a manner that enables
22 the Secretary to automatically compile such in-
23 formation when preparing the report.

24 (3) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The por-
25 tal shall allow Members of Congress and their des-

1 ignees to view past nomination records for all appli-
2 cation cycles.

3 (b) STANDARD CLASSIFICATIONS FOR COLLECTION
4 OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA.—

5 (1) STANDARDS REQUIRED.—The Secretary, in
6 consultation with the Superintendents of the military
7 service academies, shall establish standard classifica-
8 tions that cadets, midshipmen, and applicants to the
9 academies may use to self-identify gender, race, and
10 ethnicity and to provide other demographic informa-
11 tion in connection with admission to or enrollment in
12 an academy.

13 (2) CONSISTENCY WITH OMB GUIDANCE.—The
14 standard classifications established under paragraph
15 (1) shall be consistent with the standard classifica-
16 tions specified in Office of Management and Budget
17 Directive No. 15 (pertaining to race and ethnic
18 standards for Federal statistics and administrative
19 reporting) or any successor directive.

20 (3) INCORPORATION INTO APPLICATIONS AND
21 RECORDS.—Not later than 180 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall in-
23 corporate the standard classifications established
24 under paragraph (1) into—

1 (A) applications for admission to the mili-
2 tary service academies; and

3 (B) the military personnel records of ca-
4 dets and midshipmen enrolled in such acad-
5 emies.

6 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF
7 MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICANTS.—

8 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than Sep-
9 tember 30 of each year beginning after the date of
10 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
11 to the congressional defense committees a report on
12 the demographics of applicants to military service
13 academies for the most recently concluded applica-
14 tion year.

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph
16 (1) shall include, with respect to each military serv-
17 ice academy, the following:

18 (A) The number of individuals who sub-
19 mitted an application for admission to the acad-
20 emy in the application year covered by the re-
21 port.

22 (B) Of the individuals who submitted an
23 application for admission to the academy in
24 such year—

1 (i) the overall demographics of appli-
2 cant pool, disaggregated by the classifica-
3 tions established under subsection (b) and
4 by Member of Congress;

5 (ii) the number and percentage who
6 received a nomination, disaggregated by
7 the classifications established under sub-
8 section (b) and by Member of Congress;

9 (iii) the number and percentage who
10 received an offer for appointment to the
11 academy, disaggregated by the classifica-
12 tions established under subsection (b) and
13 by Member of Congress; and

14 (iv) the number and percentage who
15 accepted an appointment to the academy,
16 disaggregated by the classifications estab-
17 lished under subsection (b) and by Member
18 of Congress.

19 (3) CONSULTATION.—In preparing each report
20 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consult
21 with the Superintendents of the military service
22 academies.

23 (4) AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS AND DATA.—
24 The Secretary shall—

1 (A) make the results of each report under
2 paragraph (1) available on a publicly accessible
3 website of the Department of Defense; and

4 (B) ensure that any data included with the
5 report is made available in a machine-readable
6 format that is downloadable, searchable, and
7 sortable.

8 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) The term “application year” means the pe-
10 riod beginning on January 1 of one year and ending
11 on June 1 of the following year.

12 (2) The term “congressional defense commit-
13 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
14 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

15 (3) The term “machine-readable” has the
16 meaning given that term in section 3502(18) of title
17 44, United States Code.

18 (4) The term “military service academy”
19 means—

20 (A) the United States Military Academy;

21 (B) the United States Naval Academy; and

22 (C) the United States Air Force Academy.

23 (5) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
24 of Defense.

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