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SEC. 712. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON PROVISION OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM ENROLLEES.

(a) EVALUATION REQUIREMENT.—The Comptroller General shall evaluate the effect of the Exceptional Family Member Program (in this section referred to as “EFMP”) on health, education, and support services in selected civilian communities near military installations with a high concentration of EFMP enrollees.

(b) MATTERS COVERED.—The evaluation under subsection (a) shall include a discussion of the following:

(1) Communities that have high concentrations of EFMP enrollees that use State and local health, education, and support services.

(2) Needs of EFMP enrollees, if any, that are not met by State and local health, education, and support services.

(3) The burdens, financial and otherwise, placed on State and local health, education, and support services by EFMP enrollees and their families.

(4) The ability of the TRICARE program to meet the needs of EFMP enrollees and their families.

(5) Reasons for any limitations of the TRICARE program, the EFMP, and State and local health, education, and support services in providing assistance to EFMP enrollees and their families.

(6) Recommendations for more effectively meeting the needs of EFMP enrollees and their families.

(c) COMMUNITIES COVERED.—The evaluation under subsection (a) shall examine no fewer than four civilian communities, as determined by the Comptroller General, that have high concentrations of EFMP enrollees and that are near several military installations, including at least two military installations with tenants from more than one of the Armed Forces.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “health, education, and support services” means services provided to children and other dependents with special needs, including specialized day care, mental health day treatment services, respite services, counseling, early childhood intervention, special education, and other such services provided for children and other dependents with special needs.

(2) The term “TRICARE program” has the meaning given that term in section 1072(7) of title 10, United States Code.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the results of the evaluation required under subsection (a), including findings and recommendations.