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To assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUMMINGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

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 “Kendell Frederick Citi-
5 zenship Assistance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT FOR FINGERPRINTS**

7 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any
9 regulation, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall use
10 the fingerprints provided by an individual at the time the

1 individual enlists in the Armed Forces to satisfy any re-
2 quirement for fingerprints as part of an application for
3 naturalization if the individual—

4 (1) may be naturalized pursuant to section 328
5 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1439 or 1440);

7 (2) was fingerprinted in accordance with the re-
8 quirements of the Department of Defense at the
9 time the individual enlisted in the Armed Forces;
10 and

11 (3) submits an application for naturalization
12 not later than 24 months after the date the indi-
13 vidual enlisted in the Armed Forces.

14 **SEC. 3. PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON NATURALIZATION**
15 **TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

16 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

17 (1) establish a dedicated toll free telephone
18 service available only to members of the Armed
19 Forces and the families of such members to provide
20 information related to naturalization pursuant to
21 section 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nation-
22 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439 or 1440), including the sta-
23 tus of an application for such naturalization;

1 (2) ensure that the telephone service required
2 by paragraph (1) is operated by employees of the
3 Department of Homeland Security who—

4 (A) have received specialized training on
5 the naturalization process for members of the
6 Armed Forces and the families of such mem-
7 bers; and

8 (B) are physically located in the same unit
9 as the military processing unit that adjudicates
10 applications for naturalization pursuant to such
11 section 328 or 329; and

12 (3) implement a quality control program to
13 monitor, on a regular basis, the accuracy and quality
14 of information provided by the employees who oper-
15 ate the telephone service required by paragraph (1),
16 including the breadth of the knowledge related to the
17 naturalization process of such employees.

18 **SEC. 4. PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON NATURALIZATION**

19 **TO THE PUBLIC.**

20 Not later than 30 days after the date that a modifica-
21 tion to any law or regulation related to the naturalization
22 process becomes effective, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
23 curity shall update the appropriate application form for
24 naturalization, the instructions and guidebook for obtain-
25 ing naturalization, and the Internet website maintained by

1 the Secretary of Homeland Security to reflect such modi-
2 fication.

3 **SEC. 5. REPORTS.**

4 (a) ADJUDICATION PROCESS.—Not later than 120
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
7 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
8 entire process for the adjudication of an application for
9 naturalization filed pursuant to section 328 or 329 of the
10 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439 or
11 1440), including the process that begins at the time the
12 application is mailed to, or received by, the Secretary of
13 Homeland Security, regardless of whether the Secretary
14 determines that such application is complete, through the
15 final disposition of such application. Such report shall in-
16 clude a description of—

17 (1) the methods of the Secretary of Homeland
18 Security and the Secretary of Defense to prepare,
19 handle, and adjudicate such applications;

20 (2) the effectiveness of the chain of authority,
21 supervision, and training of employees of the Gov-
22 ernment or of other entities, including contract em-
23 ployees, who have any role in such process or adju-
24 dication; and

1 (3) the ability of the Secretary of Homeland Se-
2 curity and the Secretary of Defense to use tech-
3 nology to facilitate or accomplish any aspect of such
4 process or adjudication.

5 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

6 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
7 United States shall conduct a study on the imple-
8 mentation of this Act by the Secretary of Homeland
9 Security and the Secretary of Defense, including
10 studying any technology that may be used to im-
11 prove the efficiency of the naturalization process for
12 members of the Armed Forces.

13 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
14 the date that the Comptroller General submits the
15 report required by subsection (a), the Comptroller
16 General shall submit to the appropriate congress-
17 sional committees a report on the study required by
18 paragraph (1). The report shall include any rec-
19 ommendations of the Comptroller General for im-
20 proving the implementation of this Act by the Sec-
21 retary of Homeland Security or the Secretary of De-
22 fense.

23 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congress-
25 sional committees” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
2 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate; and

3 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
4 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives.

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