

DEFENSE

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Bill At-a-Glance



Provides \$694.6 billion to defend the nation against evolving threats, prepare for future challenges, and meet the needs of service members and military families

Chairman Pete Visclosky on the Defense government funding bill:

“This bill recognizes the complex challenges the members of our Armed Forces and intelligence community face every day throughout the world, and it aims to ensure that they are able to continue to meet these challenges.”

Supporting Service Members and Military Families

- Provides full funding necessary to support the proposed 3.0 percent military pay raise
- More than \$33.3 billion for Defense Health Programs, including \$512.5 million for cancer research
- \$323 million for the Department and Services’ Sexual Assault Prevention and Response programs, an increase of \$45 million above the President’s request
- \$270 million above the President’s request to address public school infrastructure requirements on DoD installations.
- An additional \$116 million for upgrades to childcare facilities and report language directing the services to present innovative ideas to assist servicemembers with this quality of life issue
- Fully funds the Defense Commissary Agency to ensure servicemembers and their families receive continued savings for food and household goods as part of the military pay and benefits package

Protecting Against the Trump Administration’s Abuses

- Prohibits the use of Defense funds for the President’s border wall at our troops’ expense
- Requires that any unobligated funds taken for the border wall in FY20 be returned to their original accounts and used for the original purposes for which they were appropriated by Congress
- Responds to the DoD’s abuse of congressionally granted reprogramming privileges by reducing transfer authority from the \$9.5 billion requested to \$1.9 billion and placing additional oversight mechanisms on the Department’s ability to reprogram funds

Defending Nation Against Evolving Threats

- \$104.3 billion in base funding for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, investing in basic and applied scientific research, development, test and evaluation of new technologies and equipment, and supporting the research community so forces will have the systems and equipment for tomorrow’s challenges

Strengthening Military Readiness

- \$1.67 billion above the President’s request for key readiness programs to prepare forces for combat operations and other peacetime missions
- Funds active duty end strength of 1,351,500, an increase of 12,000 above current year
- Funds reserve component end strength of 802,000, an increase of 1,200 above current year