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# H. R. 5730

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the honor codes and related adjudicatory processes of the Service Academies.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Mr. RYAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Military Academy  
5 Honor and Conduct Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GAO REPORT ON HONOR CODES AND RELATED AD-**  
2 **JUDICATORY PROCESSES OF THE SERVICE**  
3 **ACADEMIES.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1,  
5 2024, the Comptroller General of the United States shall  
6 submit to the congressional defense committees an up-  
7 dated version of the 1995 report titled “Department of  
8 Defense Service Academies: Comparison of Honor and  
9 Conduct Adjudicatory Processes”. In such updated report,  
10 the Comptroller General shall include the following ele-  
11 ments:

12 (1) A comparison of the honor and conduct sys-  
13 tems at each Service Academy, including punish-  
14 ments given for misconduct and performance issues.

15 (2) A description of how such systems provide  
16 due process protections for a cadet or midshipman.

17 (3) A comparison of such systems to processes  
18 regarding military misconduct and the Uniform  
19 Code of Military Justice.

20 (4) Whether certain honor or misconduct issues  
21 are included in the military service record of a cadet  
22 or midshipman who is commissioned as an officer in  
23 the Armed Forces upon graduation.

24 (5) A description of how each Service Academy  
25 measures student conduct and performance trends.

1           (6) A description of the attitudes and percep-  
2           tions of cadets and midshipmen regarding such sys-  
3           tems.

4           (7) Recommendations of the Comptroller Gen-  
5           eral regarding how to improve such systems.

6           (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7           (1) The term “congressional defense commit-  
8           tees” has the meaning given such term in section  
9           101 of title 10, United States Code.

10          (2) The term “Service Academy” has the mean-  
11          ing given such term in section 347 of title 10,  
12          United States Code.

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