

1 dom, including financial impacts and emotional im-
2 pacts.

3 (6) An assessment of the most effective timing
4 of providing information and support to the families
5 of deployed members before, during, and after de-
6 ployment, including at least six months after the
7 date of return of deployed members.

8 (7) An assessment of the need for additional
9 long-term research on the effects of multiple war-
10 time deployments on families, including children,
11 and critical areas of focus that should be addressed
12 by such research.

13 (c) REPORT ON RESULTS OF STUDY.—Not later than
14 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
16 committees a report containing the results of the study
17 conducted under subsection (a).

18 **SEC. 584. PROTECTION OF CHILD CUSTODY ARRANGE-**
19 **MENTS FOR PARENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF**
20 **THE ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT**
21 **OF A CONTINGENCY OPERATION.**

22 (a) PROTECTION OF SERVICEMEMBERS AGAINST DE-
23 FAULT JUDGMENTS.—Section 201(a) of the
24 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 521(a))

1 is amended by inserting “, including any child custody
2 proceeding,” after “proceeding”.

3 (b) STAY OF PROCEEDINGS WHEN SERVICEMEMBER
4 HAS NOTICE.—Section 202(a) of the Servicemembers
5 Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 522(a)) is amended by
6 inserting “, including any child custody proceeding,” after
7 “civil action or proceeding”.

8 **SEC. 585. FAMILY LEAVE IN CONNECTION WITH INJURED**
9 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

10 (a) SERVICEMEMBER FAMILY LEAVE.—

11 (1) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 of the Family
12 and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611) is
13 amended by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraphs:

15 “(14) ACTIVE DUTY.—The term ‘active duty’
16 means duty under a call or order to active duty
17 under a provision of law referred to in section
18 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code.

19 “(15) CONTINGENCY OPERATION.—The term
20 ‘contingency operation’ has the same meaning given
21 such term in section 101(a)(13) of title 10, United
22 States Code.

23 “(16) COVERED SERVICEMEMBER.—The term
24 ‘covered servicemember’ means a member of the
25 Armed Forces, including a member of the National