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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

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SUBJECT: Duration of Payment for Transitional Compensation for Abused Dependents

Reference: DoDI 1342.24, "Transitional Compensation for Abused Dependents,"

May 23, 1995

Due to legislative changes contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (P.L. 108-136) and other policy updates, the referenced instruction is in the coordination process for revision and reissuance. Since P.L. 108-136, §572(b)(2) specifically requires policy pertaining to the duration of transitional compensation payments to be established within 6 months of the law's enactment, the following will be effective immediately: "the duration of payments of transitional compensation for abused dependents shall be a period of not less than 12 months and not more than 36 months, as established in policies prescribed by the Secretary concerned, but when the unserved portion of the member's obligated active duty service, as of the starting date of payment, is greater than 12 months and less than or equal to 36 months, the duration of payment shall be no less than the unserved portion."

The revised instruction will incorporate this policy.

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