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Chapter 39 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting, after item 674, the following new section:

“§ 675. Permanent change of station or unit transfer for a member on active duty on the basis of the residence of a dependent child

“(a) Timely Consideration and Action.—(1) A commanding officer shall determine whether to grant a request for a covered reassignment not later than five calendar days after the covered member makes such request.

“(2) If a commanding officer denies a request under paragraph (1), the covered member may request review of such denial by the first general officer or flag officer in the chain of command of the covered member. Such general officer or flag officer shall determine whether to affirm or reverse such denial not later than five calendar days after the covered member makes such request.

“(b) Regulations.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to ensure that this section is carried out as uniformly as possible across the military departments.

“(c) Privacy.—A commanding officer shall, to the greatest extent practicable, protect the privacy of a covered member who requests a covered reassignment.
“(d) Prohibition.—No covered member may be subject to any adverse action for requesting a covered reassignment.

“(e) Definitions.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘covered child’ means a dependent child of a member of the armed forces who is registered under the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (or successor system).

“(2) The term ‘covered member’ means a member—

“(A) serving on active duty;

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“(3) The term ‘covered reassignment’ means a request—

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