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## **H.R. 8354, the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative Act of 2020**

### **Endorsed by: Paralyzed Veterans of America, Veterans Education Success, and Student Veterans of America**

#### Section 1. Short Title.

- The “Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative Act of 2020”

#### Section 2. Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative.

##### (a) Establishment

- Establishes the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice

##### (b) Duties

- Specifies seven duties to protect the interests of military families and veterans:

- i. Serve as legal and policy advisor to the Attorney General;
- ii. Develop policy recommendations;
- iii. Serve as the liaison and point of contact between the Department of Justice and the military departments;
- iv. Provide counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs;
- v. Consult with Department of Justice components to promote civil legal aid;
- vi. Serve as a liaison and point of contact with the Consumer Protection Branch of the Civil Division to prosecute fraud targeting servicemembers; and
- vii. Serve as a liaison and point of contact with other components of the Department of Justice as needed to support the enforcement of Federal laws that protect servicemembers and veterans.