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

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 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;
 - vi. Coordinate the prosecution of fraud that targets servicemembers and their families; and
 - vii. Enforce Federal laws that protect servicemembers and veterans.