



**PER DIEM, TRAVEL, AND TRANSPORTATION
ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE**
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January 20, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR: CIVILIAN ADVISORY PANEL

SUBJECT: CTD FOR CAP 01-26(S), "Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Employee Dependent Student Travel – FY26 NDAA Sec 1111"

1. Purpose: This is a statutory (S) item implementing a mandatory provision of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. Section 1111 of the FY26 NDAA directs the Secretary to authorize dependent educational travel for employees of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) assigned to United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without regard to whether DoDEA anticipates that the covered employee will, during the 30-day period following the scheduled date of the dependent's departure for the travel, be transferred to a location in the United States or travel to the United States for home leave, not later than February 1, 2026.
2. This revision was approved at the by the Chair, Per Diem, Travel, and Transportation, Allowance Committee.
3. These changes are scheduled to appear in the Joint Travel Regulations, dated February 1, 2026.
4. This revision is effective on February 1, 2026.
5. Action Officer: Dwayne a Norman II (dwayne.a.norman2.civ@mail.mil).

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Attachment:
Joint Travel Regulations Revisions

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Joint Travel Regulations Revisions

053806. Dependent Student Travel

A. [DoDI 1400.25, Vol. 1250](#) (Overseas Allowances and Differentials) authorizes educational travel, as specified in [DSSR Section 280](#), for a dependent student of a DoD civilian employee assigned in a foreign area for travel to and from a school offering a full-time course of secondary or post-secondary education. Travel allowances for the dependent student's secondary education are instead of an education allowance. This travel is administered in accordance with DoD and Service regulations. The civilian employee is authorized up to 350 pounds of unaccompanied baggage or storage not to exceed the cost of transporting 350 pounds of unaccompanied baggage in connection with the trip, subject to the provisions in [DSSR Section 285.1](#).

B. An employee of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) assigned to United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, may be authorized educational travel for a dependent, regardless of whether the DoDEA anticipates that the employee will be transferred to a location in the United States or travel to the United States for home leave within the 30-day period following the dependent's scheduled travel departure date.

[Congressional Bills 119th Congress]

[From the U.S. Government Publishing Office]

[S. 1071 Enrolled Bill (ENR)]

SEC. 1111. EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL AUTHORITY FOR DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

(a) In General.--Notwithstanding section 1599b of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall direct the Director of the Defense Travel Management Office to update the Joint Travel Regulations, not later than February 1, 2026, to authorize educational travel for a dependent of a covered employee without regard to whether the Federal agency responsible for the employment of the covered employee anticipates that the covered employee will, during the 30-day period following the scheduled date of the dependent's departure for the travel, be transferred to a location in the United States or travel to the United States for home leave.

(b) Briefings Required.--

(1) Initial briefing.--Not later than February 1, 2026, the Secretary shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the update to the Joint Travel Regulations required by subsection (a).

(2) Subsequent briefings.--Not later than one year after providing the briefing required by paragraph (1) and annually thereafter until February 1, 2029, the Secretary shall brief the

Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the use of the authority described in subsection (a) and the cost to the Federal Government of the use of that authority.

(c) Covered Employee Defined.--In this section, the term "covered employee" means an employee of the Department of Defense Education Activity assigned to United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT OFFICE

SUBJECT: Civilian Advisory Panel Item 01-26(S), “Department of Defense Education Activity Employee Dependent Student Travel – Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act, Section 1111”

I hereby approve Civilian Advisory Panel Item 01-26(S) for publication in the Joint Travel Regulations. Please take action to update the Joint Travel Regulations as appropriate.

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