



Depot Data Transparency Act

Background:

Federal law (10. U.S.C. § 2466) limits the Department of Defense (DoD) to spend no more than 50 percent of its annual depot-level maintenance and repair funds on private contractors. The rest must go to government facilities like Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) to ensure that military depots continue to receive steady, reliable workloads.

Despite this, CCAD's civilian workforce has declined over the past decade – from nearly 5,000 employees in 2016 to just over 2,000 in 2025. Two main factors are driving this reduction: a reduced demand for helicopter maintenance services due to the Army's overall shift to drones; and growing reliance on private companies to do repair work that was traditionally done by facilities like CCAD.

What the Bill Does:

The *Depot Data Transparency Act* increases visibility into how the DoD divides depot-level maintenance and repair work between military installations like CCAD and private companies. Specifically, this bill:

- Requires DoD to submit an annual, installation-specific report to Congress detailing how maintenance and repair work is divided between private companies and military depots. Currently, DoD is only required to report combined data for each of the armed forces (other than the Coast Guard) and each Defense Agency.

This legislation builds on bipartisan language that Congressman Gonzalez secured in the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act of 2026 and will bring greater transparency to the Army's maintenance and overhaul schedule.