118TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R.3722

AN ACT

To require a pilot program on activities under the pre-separation transition process of members of the Armed Forces for a reduction in suicide among veterans, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2	This Act may be cited as the "Daniel J. Harvey, Jr.				
3	and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition				
4	to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act".				
5	SEC. 2. ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE				
6	TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE				
7	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE SOLID				
8	START PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF				
9	VETERANS AFFAIRS.				
10	(a) Transition Assistance Program of the De-				
11	PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 1142(b) of title 10,				
12	United States Code, is amended—				
13	(1) in paragraph (5), by inserting "(11)," be-				
14	fore "and (16)"; and				
15	(2) by striking paragraph (11) and inserting				
16	the following:				
17	"(11) Information concerning mental health, in-				
18	cluding—				
19	"(A) the availability of mental health serv-				
20	ices furnished by the Secretary concerned, the				
21	Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans				
22	Affairs, or a non-profit entity;				
23	"(B) the treatment of post-traumatic				
24	stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety				
25	disorders, depression, chronic pain, sleep dis-				
26	orders, suicidal ideation, or other mental health				

1	conditions associated with service in the armed
2	forces;
3	"(C) the risk of suicide, including signs,
4	symptoms, and risk factors (including adverse
5	childhood experiences, depression, bipolar dis-
6	order, homelessness, unemployment, and rela-
7	tionship strain);
8	"(D) the availability of treatment options
9	and resources to address substance abuse, in-
10	cluding alcohol, prescription drug, and opioid
11	abuse;
12	"(E) the potential effects of the loss of
13	community and support systems experienced by
14	a member separating from the armed forces;
15	"(F) isolation from family, friends, or soci-
16	ety; and
17	"(G) the potential stressors associated with
18	separation from the armed forces.".
19	(b) Solid Start Program of the Department
20	OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 6320(b)(1) of title 38,
21	United States Code, is amended—
22	(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and
23	(H) as subparagraphs (I) and (J), respectively; and
24	(2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-
25	lowing new subparagraphs:

1	"(G) assisting eligible veterans who elect to en-					
2	roll in the system of patient enrollment under sec-					
3	tion 1705(a) of this title;					
4	"(H) educating veterans about mental health					
5	and counseling services available through the Vet-					
6	erans Health Administration;".					
7	(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date					
8	of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and					
9	the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to					
10	the appropriate congressional committees a report on the					
11	information and materials developed pursuant to the					
12	amendments made by this Act.					
13	(d) Appropriate Congressional Committees					
14	DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate con-					
15	gressional committees" means—					
16	(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the					
17	Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate; and					
18	(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the					
19	Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of					
20	Representatives.					
	Passed the House of Representatives April 29, 2024.					
	Attest:					

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