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S. 3182

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women’s Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 13, 2020

Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Helping Expand and
5 Launch Transitional Health for Women Veterans Act” or
6 “HEALTH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF WOMEN’S HEALTH TRANSITION**
2 **TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT**
3 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) DURATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
5 shall carry out the Women’s Health Transition Training
6 pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (in
7 this section referred to as the “pilot program”) until at
8 least September 30, 2020.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2020,
10 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans
11 Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate congres-
12 sional committees a report on the pilot program that in-
13 cludes the following:

14 (1) The number of women members of the
15 Armed Forces, disaggregated by military department
16 (with respect to the Department of the Navy, disag-
17 gregated by the Navy and Marine Corps), who par-
18 ticipated in the pilot program.

19 (2) The number of courses held under the pilot
20 program.

21 (3) The locations at which such courses were
22 held, the number of seats available for such courses,
23 and the number of participants at each such loca-
24 tion.

1 (4) With respect to the number of members of
2 the Armed Forces who participated in the pilot pro-
3 gram as specified under paragraph (1)—

4 (A) the number who enrolled in the health
5 care system of the Department of Veterans Af-
6 fairs under section 1705(a) of title 38, United
7 States Code; and

8 (B) the number who attended at least one
9 health care appointment at a medical facility of
10 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

11 (5) Data relating to—

12 (A) satisfaction with courses held under
13 the pilot program;

14 (B) improved awareness of health care
15 services administered by the Secretary of Vet-
16 erans Affairs; and

17 (C) any other available statistics regarding
18 the pilot program.

19 (6) A discussion of regulatory, legal, or resource
20 barriers to—

21 (A) making the pilot program permanent
22 to enable access to services provided under the
23 pilot program by a greater number of women
24 members of the Armed Forces at locations
25 throughout the United States;

1 (B) offering the pilot program online for
 2 women members of the Armed Forces who are
 3 unable to attend courses held under the pilot
 4 program in person; and

5 (C) the feasibility of automatically enroll-
 6 ing pilot program participants in the health
 7 care system of the Department of Veterans Af-
 8 fairs under section 1705(a) of title 38, United
 9 States Code.

10 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
 11 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
 12 sional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
 14 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and
 15 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
 16 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of
 17 Representatives.

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