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H. R. 2942

[Report No. 116-]

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2019

Mr. CISNEROS (for himself and Ms. HOULAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JULY --, 2019

Reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs with an amendment

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 23, 2019]

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”.*

7 **SEC. 2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN WOMEN’S**

8 **HEALTH TRANSITION TRAINING PILOT PRO-**
9 **GRAM.**

10 (a) *DURATION.*—*The Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
11 *shall carry out the Women’s Health Transition Training*
12 *pilot program (in this section referred to as the “pilot pro-*
13 *gram”) until at least September 30, 2020.*

14 (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than September 30, 2020, the*
15 *Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
16 *shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional com-*
17 *mittees a report on the pilot program that includes the fol-*
18 *lowing:*

19 (1) *For the period since the commencement of the*
20 *pilot program—*

21 (A) *the number of women members by mili-*
22 *tary department (with respect to Department of*
23 *the Navy, separately for the Navy and Marine*
24 *Corps) who participated in the pilot program;*

1 (B) the number of courses held under the
2 pilot program; and

3 (C) the locations at which such courses were
4 held, and the number of seats available and the
5 number of participants at each such location.

6 (2) With respect to the number of members who
7 participated in the pilot program as specified under
8 paragraph (1)—

9 (A) the number who enrolled in the health
10 care system established under section 1705(a) of
11 title 38, United States Code; and

12 (B) the number who attended at least one
13 health care appointment at a medical facility of
14 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

15 (3) Data relating to—

16 (A) satisfaction with courses held under the
17 pilot program;

18 (B) improved awareness of health care serv-
19 ices administered by the Secretary of Veterans
20 Affairs; and

21 (C) any other available statistics regarding
22 the pilot program.

23 (4) A discussion of regulatory, legal, or resource
24 barriers to—

1 (A) making the pilot program permanent to
2 enable access by a greater number of women
3 members at locations throughout the United
4 States;

5 (B) offering the pilot program online for
6 women members who are unable to attend
7 courses held under the pilot program in person;
8 and

9 (C) the feasibility of automatically enrolling
10 pilot program participants in the health care
11 system established under section 1705(a) of title
12 38, United States Code.

13 (c) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-*
14 *FINED.*—*In this section, the term “appropriate congres-*
15 *sional committees” means the Committees on Veterans’ Af-*
16 *fairs and the Committees on Armed Services of the House*
17 *of Representatives and the Senate.*