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# H. R. 880

To amend the Public Health Service Act to facilitate assignment of military trauma care providers to civilian trauma centers in order to maintain military trauma readiness and to support such centers, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HUDSON, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to facilitate assignment of military trauma care providers to civilian trauma centers in order to maintain military trauma readiness and to support such centers, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Injury Sur-  
5 gical Systems Integrated Operationally Nationwide to

1 Achieve ZERO Preventable Deaths Act” or the “MIS-  
2 SION ZERO Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PARTNERSHIP FOR TRAU-**  
4 **MA READINESS GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 Title XII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 300d et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new part:

8 **“PART I—MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PARTNERSHIP**  
9 **FOR TRAUMA READINESS GRANT PROGRAM**  
10 **“SEC. 1291. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PARTNERSHIP FOR**  
11 **TRAUMA READINESS GRANT PROGRAM.**

12 “(a) MILITARY TRAUMA TEAM PLACEMENT PRO-  
13 GRAM.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
15 grants to not more than 20 eligible high-acuity trau-  
16 ma centers to enable military trauma teams to pro-  
17 vide, on a full-time basis, trauma care and related  
18 acute care at such trauma centers.

19 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—In the case of a grant  
20 awarded under paragraph (1) to an eligible high-  
21 acuity trauma center, such grant—

22 “(A) shall be for a period of at least 3  
23 years and not more than 5 years (and may be  
24 renewed at the end of such period); and

1           “(B) shall be in an amount that does not  
2           exceed \$1,000,000 per year.

3           “(3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AFTER PER-  
4           FORMANCE PERIOD.—Notwithstanding section 1552  
5           of title 31, United States Code, or any other provi-  
6           sion of law, funds available to the Secretary for obli-  
7           gation for a grant under this subsection shall remain  
8           available for expenditure for 100 days after the last  
9           day of the performance period of such grant.

10          “(b) MILITARY TRAUMA CARE PROVIDER PLACE-  
11          MENT PROGRAM.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
13           grants to eligible trauma centers to enable military  
14           trauma care providers to provide trauma care and  
15           related acute care at such trauma centers.

16           “(2) LIMITATIONS.—In the case of a grant  
17           awarded under paragraph (1) to an eligible trauma  
18           center, such grant—

19           “(A) shall be for a period of at least 1 year  
20           and not more than 3 years (and may be re-  
21           newed at the end of such period); and

22           “(B) shall be in an amount that does not  
23           exceed, in a year—

1                   “(i) \$100,000 for each military trau-  
2                   ma care provider that is a physician at  
3                   such eligible trauma center; and

4                   “(ii) \$50,000 for each other military  
5                   trauma care provider at such eligible trau-  
6                   ma center.

7                   “(c) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

8                   “(1) DEPLOYMENT.—As a condition of receipt  
9                   of a grant under this section, a grant recipient shall  
10                  agree to allow military trauma care providers pro-  
11                  viding care pursuant to such grant to be deployed by  
12                  the Secretary of Defense for military operations, for  
13                  training, or for response to a mass casualty incident.

14                  “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under  
15                  this section to an eligible trauma center may be used  
16                  to train and incorporate military trauma care pro-  
17                  viders into such trauma center, including expendi-  
18                  tures for malpractice insurance, office space, infor-  
19                  mation technology, specialty education and super-  
20                  vision, trauma programs, research, and State license  
21                  fees for such military trauma care providers.

22                  “(d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

23                  “(1) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY AND THE  
24                  SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Each eligible trauma  
25                  center or eligible high-acuity trauma center awarded

1 a grant under subsection (a) or (b) for a year shall  
2 submit to the Secretary and the Secretary of De-  
3 fense a report for such year that includes informa-  
4 tion on—

5 “(A) the number and types of trauma  
6 cases managed by military trauma teams or  
7 military trauma care providers pursuant to such  
8 grant during such year;

9 “(B) the financial impact of such grant on  
10 the trauma center;

11 “(C) the educational impact on resident  
12 trainees in centers where military trauma teams  
13 are assigned;

14 “(D) any research conducted during such  
15 year supported by such grant; and

16 “(E) any other information required by the  
17 Secretaries for the purpose of evaluating the ef-  
18 fect of such grant.

19 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not less than  
20 once every 2 years, the Secretary, in consultation  
21 with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit a report  
22 to Congress that includes information on the effect  
23 of placing military trauma care providers in trauma  
24 centers awarded grants under this section on—

1           “(A) maintaining readiness of military  
2 trauma care providers for battlefield injuries;

3           “(B) providing health care to civilian trau-  
4 ma patients;

5           “(C) the capability to respond to surges in  
6 trauma cases, including as a result of a large  
7 scale event; and

8           “(D) the financial State of the trauma cen-  
9 ters.

10       “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this part:

11           “(1) ELIGIBLE TRAUMA CENTER.—The term  
12 ‘eligible trauma center’ means a Level I, II, or III  
13 trauma center that satisfies each of the following:

14           “(A) Such trauma center has an agree-  
15 ment with the Secretary of Defense to enable  
16 military trauma care providers to provide trau-  
17 ma care and related acute care at such trauma  
18 center.

19           “(B) Such trauma center utilizes a risk-ad-  
20 justed benchmarking system to measure per-  
21 formance and outcomes, such as the Trauma  
22 Quality Improvement Program of the American  
23 College of Surgeons.

24           “(C) Such trauma center demonstrates a  
25 need for integrated military trauma care pro-

1           viders to maintain or improve the trauma clin-  
2           ical capability of such trauma center.

3           “(2) ELIGIBLE HIGH-ACUITY TRAUMA CEN-  
4           TER.—The term ‘eligible high-acuity trauma center’  
5           means a Level I trauma center that satisfies each of  
6           the following:

7                   “(A) Such trauma center has an agree-  
8                   ment with the Secretary of Defense to enable  
9                   military trauma teams to provide trauma care  
10                  and related acute care at such trauma center.

11                  “(B) At least 20 percent of patients of  
12                  such trauma center in the most recent 3-month  
13                  period for which data is available are treated  
14                  for a major trauma at such trauma center.

15                  “(C) Such trauma center utilizes a risk-ad-  
16                  justed benchmarking system to measure per-  
17                  formance and outcomes, such as the Trauma  
18                  Quality Improvement Program of the American  
19                  College of Surgeons.

20                  “(D) Such trauma center is an academic  
21                  training center—

22                          “(i) affiliated with a medical school;

23                          “(ii) that maintains residency pro-  
24                          grams and fellowships in critical trauma  
25                          specialties and subspecialties, and provides

1 education and supervision of military trauma  
2 ma team members according to those specialties  
3 and subspecialties; and

4 “(iii) that undertakes research in the  
5 prevention and treatment of traumatic injury.  
6 jury.

7 “(E) Such trauma center serves as a disaster  
8 response leader for its community, such  
9 as by participating in a partnership for State  
10 and regional hospital preparedness established  
11 under section 319C-2.

12 “(3) MAJOR TRAUMA.—The term ‘major trauma’  
13 means an injury that is greater than or equal  
14 to 15 on the injury severity score.

15 “(4) MILITARY TRAUMA TEAM.—The term  
16 ‘military trauma team’ means a complete military  
17 trauma team consisting of military trauma care  
18 providers.

19 “(5) MILITARY TRAUMA CARE PROVIDER.—The  
20 term ‘military trauma care provider’ means a member  
21 of the Armed Forces who furnishes emergency,  
22 critical care, and other trauma acute care, including  
23 a physician, military surgeon, physician assistant,  
24 nurse, respiratory therapist, flight paramedic, combat  
25 medic, or enlisted medical technician.



1       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
2 each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022, there are author-  
3 ized to be appropriated—

4           “(1) \$20,000,000 for carrying out subsection  
5       (a); and

6           “(2) \$20,000,000 for carrying out subsection  
7       (b).”.