

*Substitute* **AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1969  
OFFERED BY MS. Ramirez**

Strike all and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. MODIFICATIONS TO AND REAUTHORIZATION  
2 OF THE STAFF SERGEANT PARKER GORDON  
3 FOX SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM  
4 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-  
5 FAIRS.**

**6 (a) TASK FORCE.**—Section 201 of the Commander  
7 John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Im-  
8 provement Act of 2019 (38 U.S.C. 1720F note; Public  
9 Law 116–171) is amended—

**10 (1)** in subsection (b), by striking “the Presi-  
11 dent’s Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a  
12 National Tragedy of Suicide Task Force” and in-  
13 serting “such entities as the Secretary considers ap-  
14 propriate”; and

**15 (2)** in subsection (h)(3)(L), by striking “the  
16 President’s Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End  
17 a National Tragedy of Suicide Task Force,”.

1 (b) MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—Subsection  
2 (c)(2)(A) of such section is amended by striking  
3 “\$750,000” and inserting “\$1,250,000”.

4 (c) MEASURES AND METRICS.—Subsection (h)(2) of  
5 such section is amended by adding at the end the following  
6 new subparagraph:

7 “(C) Additional measures and metrics as  
8 the Secretary considers appropriate to ensure  
9 that the measures and metrics described in this  
10 paragraph—

11 “(i) accurately reflect the aims of the  
12 grant program under this section;

13 “(ii) provide accountability to Con-  
14 gress related to grant funds; and

15 “(iii) reflect lessons learned from in-  
16 terim reporting on and evaluation of the  
17 grant program.”.

18 (d) BRIEFINGS.—Subsection (h) of such section is  
19 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
20 graph:

21 “(5) BRIEFING FOR LOCAL VAMCS.—Not less  
22 frequently than once each year, the Secretary shall  
23 provide, to the appropriate personnel of each medical  
24 center of the Department located not more than 100  
25 miles from the primary location of a grantee under

1       this section, a briefing about the grant program  
2       under this section in order to improve coordination  
3       between such grantee and personnel.”.

4       (e) DURATION.—Subsection (j) of such section is  
5 amended by striking “the date that is three years after  
6 the date on which the first grant is awarded under this  
7 section” and inserting “September 30, 2028”.

8       (f) REAUTHORIZATION.—Subsection (p) of such sec-  
9 tion is amended by striking “a total of \$174,000,000 for  
10 fiscal years 2021 through 2025” and inserting  
11 “\$285,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2026 through  
12 2028”.

13       (g) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Subsection (q)(4)(C)  
14 of such section is amended by striking “(iv)” and inserting  
15 “(vi)”.

