

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3722
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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—

1 “(A) the availability of mental health serv-
2 ices furnished by the Secretary concerned, the
3 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans
4 Affairs, or a non-profit entity;

5 “(B) the treatment of post-traumatic
6 stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety
7 disorders, depression, chronic pain, sleep dis-
8 orders, suicidal ideation, or other mental health
9 conditions associated with service in the armed
10 forces;

11 “(C) the risk of suicide, including signs,
12 symptoms, and risk factors (including adverse
13 childhood experiences, depression, bipolar dis-
14 order, homelessness, unemployment, and rela-
15 tionship strain);

16 “(D) the availability of treatment options
17 and resources to address substance abuse, in-
18 cluding alcohol, prescription drug, and opioid
19 abuse;

20 “(E) the potential effects of the loss of
21 community and support systems experienced by
22 a member separating from the armed forces;

23 “(F) isolation from family, friends, or soci-
24 ety; and

1 “(G) the potential stressors associated with
2 separation from the armed forces.”.

3 (b) SOLID START PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 6320(b)(1) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and
7 (H) as subparagraphs (I) and (J), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-
9 lowing new subparagraphs:

10 “(G) assisting eligible veterans who elect to en-
11 roll in the system of patient enrollment under sec-
12 tion 1705(a) of this title;

13 “(H) educating veterans about mental health
14 and counseling services available through the Vet-
15 erans Health Administration;”.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and
18 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to
19 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
20 information and materials developed pursuant to the
21 amendments made by this Act.

22 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
23 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
24 gressional committees” means—

- 1 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
2 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate; and
3 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
4 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of
5 Representatives.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to include, in the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense and the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, elements designed to reduce the rate of suicide among veterans, and for other purposes."

