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]
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN WOMEN’S HEALTH TRANSITION TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM.

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

(b) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2020, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the pilot program that includes the following:

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

(A) the number of women members by military department (with respect to Department of the Navy, separately for the Navy and Marine Corps) who participated in the pilot program;
(B) the number of courses held under the pilot program; and

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

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

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

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

(3) Data relating to—

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

(B) improved awareness of health care services administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

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

(4) A discussion of regulatory, legal, or resource barriers to—
(A) making the pilot program permanent to enable access by a greater number of women members at locations throughout the United States;

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

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

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate.