

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3722, with an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3722

To require a pilot program on activities under the pre-separation transition process of members of the Armed Forces for a reduction in suicide among veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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

A BILL

To require a pilot program on activities under the pre-separation transition process of members of the Armed Forces for a reduction in suicide among veterans, 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,*

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—

19 “(A) the availability of mental health serv-
20 ices furnished by the Secretary concerned, the
21 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans
22 Affairs, or a non-profit entity;

23 “(B) the treatment of post-traumatic
24 stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety
25 disorders, depression, chronic pain, sleep dis-
26 orders, suicidal ideation, or other mental health

1 conditions associated with service in the armed
2 forces;

3 “(C) the risk of suicide, including signs,
4 symptoms, and risk factors (including adverse
5 childhood experiences, depression, bipolar dis-
6 order, homelessness, unemployment, and rela-
7 tionship strain);

8 “(D) the availability of treatment options
9 and resources to address substance abuse, in-
10 cluding alcohol, prescription drug, and opioid
11 abuse;

12 “(E) the potential effects of the loss of
13 community and support systems experienced by
14 a member separating from the armed forces;

15 “(F) isolation from family, friends, or soci-
16 ety; and

17 “(G) the potential stressors associated with
18 separation from the armed forces.”.

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

22 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and
23 (H) as subparagraphs (I) and (J), respectively; and

24 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-
25 lowing new subparagraphs:

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

4 “(H) educating veterans about mental health
5 and counseling services available through the Vet-
6 erans Health Administration;”.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and
9 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to
10 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
11 information and materials developed pursuant to the
12 amendments made by this Act.

13 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
14 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
15 gressional committees” means—

16 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
17 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

18 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
19 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of
20 Representatives.