

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 740**

**OFFERED BY MS. Chertilus-McCormick**

In section 202(c), redesignate paragraphs (3) through (7) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively.

In section 202(c), after paragraph (2), insert the following new paragraph (3):

- 1           (3) PROVIDER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—
- 2           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Vet-
- 3           erans Affairs shall require each non-Depart-
- 4           ment health care provider that provides out-
- 5           patient mental health and substance use serv-
- 6           ices to veterans pursuant to this subsection to
- 7           complete covered training. Such training shall
- 8           be required to be completed—
- 9           (i) in the case of a provider through
- 10          which the Secretary is furnishing care or
- 11          services pursuant to section 1703 of title
- 12          38, United States Code, as of the date of
- 13          the enactment of this Act, by not later
- 14          than the date that is 180 days after the
- 15          date of the enactment of this Act; and

(ii) in the case of a provider through which the Secretary first furnishes such care or services after the date of the enactment of this Act, by not later than 180 days after the date on which the provider first furnishes such care or services.

(B) MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT.—

(i) MONITORING.—The Secretary shall establish a mechanism for monitoring whether a provider completes the covered training as required under subparagraph (A).

(ii) ENFORCEMENT.—

(I) WARNING.—If the Secretary determines that a covered provider has failed to complete the covered training required under subparagraph (A) by the applicable deadline, the Secretary shall provide to the provider a written warning and notice of a 60-day period in which to complete the training.

(II) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.—

In the case of a covered provider who receives a warning under subclause (I)

1 and who fails to complete the required  
2 training during the 60-day period pro-  
3 vided under such paragraph, the Sec-  
4 retary shall suspend the provider from  
5 furnishing care or services pursuant  
6 to section 1703 of title 38, United  
7 States Code, for a period of 90 days.

8 (III) REMOVAL.—In the case of a  
9 covered provider who receives a tem-  
10 porary suspension under subclause  
11 (II) and who fails to complete the re-  
12 quired training during the 90-day sus-  
13 pension period, the Secretary shall re-  
14 move the provider from eligibility to  
15 furnish care or services pursuant to  
16 section 1703 of title 38, United States  
17 Code.

18 (C) REPORT.—Not later than one year  
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
20 annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit  
21 to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the  
22 Senate and House of Representatives, and  
23 make publicly available on an appropriate  
24 website of the Department of Veterans Affairs,  
25 a report that identifies each covered provider

1           and whether such provider has met the training  
2           requirement under subparagraph (A).

3           (D) COVERED TRAINING.—In this section,  
4           the term “covered training” means the course  
5           modules provided through VHA TRAIN, or any  
6           successor course modules or platform, relating  
7           to military culture, evaluation and management  
8           of suicide, preventing suicide through lethal  
9           means safety, post-traumatic stress disorder,  
10          traumatic brain injury, and opioid safety, that  
11          are comparable to the mandatory training and  
12          continuing education requirements that are re-  
13          quired for mental health providers of the De-  
14          partment.

