

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.**

2 (a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
3 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
4 the United States shall submit to the Committee on
5 Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs
6 of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and
7 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives a publicly available report on the Department
9 of Defense's implementation section 1074n of title 10,
10 United States Code. The report shall include the following:

11 (1) An evaluation of the implementation of such
12 section across the Armed Forces.

13 (2) An evaluation of the efficacy of the mental
14 health assessments under such section in helping to
15 identify mental health conditions among members of
16 the Armed Forces in order to prevent suicide.

17 (3) An evaluation of the tools and processes
18 used to provide the annual mental health assess-

1 ments of members of the Armed Forces conducted
2 pursuant to such section.

3 (4) An analysis of how lessons learned from the
4 annual mental health assessments can be used with-
5 in the Department of Veterans Affairs to prevent
6 veteran suicide.

7 (5) An analysis of potential policy options to
8 improve the monitoring and reporting required and
9 to achieve a more robust implementation of such
10 section.

11 (6) Such other information as the Comptroller
12 General determines appropriate.

13 (b) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1,
14 2020, the Comptroller General shall provide to the Com-
15 mittee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Com-
16 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives
17 a briefing on the topics to be covered by the report under
18 subsection (a), including and preliminary data and any
19 issues or concerns of the Comptroller General relating to
20 the report.

21 (c) ACCESS TO RELEVANT DATA.—For purposes of
22 this section, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
23 the Comptroller General has access to all relevant data.

