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

SEC. 7. MEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR COMBINED TRAUMATIC INJURIES SUSTAINED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS.

(a) STRATEGY.—Not later than May 31, 2024, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (in coordination with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, the Joint Trauma Analysis and Prevention of Injury in Combat partnership, and the National Center for Medical Intelligence) shall develop a strategy to address medical research and development gaps essential to furnishing medical care to casualties experiencing combined traumatic injuries and injuries resulting from exposures across the chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear spectrum.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:
(1) An assessment of the investments made by the Secretary of Defense into supporting efforts related to such combined injuries.

(2) A review of the laboratory and medical product development capabilities of the Department of Defense to conduct research and development into, and support the transition and fielding of, treatments for such combined injuries;

(3) An identification of any clinical practice guidelines to treat combined such combined injuries, and recommendations to amend any such guidelines.

(4) Recommendations for increased investments in research and development to be made by the Secretary of Defense for the conduct of preclinical research, for the purpose of—

(A) optimizing the treatment of such combined injuries; and

(B) protecting health care providers and other medical personnel furnishing such treatment.

(5) A plan for the engagement between the Department of Defense and institutions of higher education with medical centers, and other similar entities, to support public-private partnerships to address such combined injuries.
(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs completes the strategy under subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on such strategy.