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

SEC. 7. STUDY ON SAFE OPIOID PRESCRIBING PRACTICES.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of the training provided to military health care providers regarding opioid prescribing practices, initiatives in opioid safety, the use of the VA/DOD Clinical Practice Guideline for Management of Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain, and other related training.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a) shall address the effectiveness of training with respect to the following:

(1) Reducing the total number of prescription opioids dispensed by the Department of Defense to beneficiaries of health care furnished by the Department.

(2) Reducing the average dosage prescribed by a military health care provider to such beneficiaries.
(3) Reducing the average number of doses per prescription for treatment of acute pain.

(4) Reducing the average duration of opioid therapy for chronic pain.

(5) Reducing the number of overdoses due to prescription opioids for patients with acute pain and patients undergoing opioid therapy for chronic pain.

(6) Providing counseling and referrals to treatment alternatives to opioid analgesics.

(7) Providing education on the risks of opioid medications to individuals for whom such medications are prescribed, and to their families, with special consideration given to raising awareness among adolescents on such risks.

(8) Effectiveness in communicating to military health care providers changes in Department policies regarding opioid safety and prescribing practices.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a briefing on the results of the study under subsection (a).