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

SEC. 7. PROGRAM ON TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES, AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS RELATED TO MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA.

(a) Establishment of Program.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1074o the following new section:

“§ 1074p. Program on treatment of members of armed forces for post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, and co-occurring disorders related to military sexual trauma

“(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a program to provide intensive outpatient programs to treat members of the armed forces suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, and co-occurring disorders related to military sexual
trauma, including treatment for substance abuse, depression, and other issues related to such conditions.

“(b) DISCHARGE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS.—(1) In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall seek to enter into partnerships with the entities described in paragraph (2), under which such entities may offer the intensive outpatient programs referred to under such program.

“(2) An entity described in this paragraph is a public, private, or nonprofit health care organization, institution of higher education, or other entity that the Secretary determines provides, or is capable of providing—

“(3) health care, support, or other related benefits to members of the armed forces or dependents thereof, including under the TRICARE program; and

“(4) evidence-based treatment for psychological and neurological conditions common among such members, including post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, and depression.

“(c) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—As a condition of entering into a partnership under subsection (b), each entity shall agree to, with respect to the program under subsection (a), carry out the following activities:
“(1) The conduct of intensive outpatient programs of short duration under such program, for the purpose of treating members of the armed forces suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, or co-occurring disorders related to military sexual trauma, including treatment for substance abuse, depression, and other issues related to such conditions.

“(2) The use of evidence-based and evidence-informed treatment strategies in carrying out such programs.

“(3) The sharing of clinical and outreach best practices with other entities that have entered into partnerships under subsection (b).

“(4) The assessment, on an annual basis for the duration of the partnership, of health outcomes for members of the armed forces with respect to the treatment of the conditions described in paragraph (1), both individually and with such other entities as may have entered into partnerships under subsection (b).”

(b) REPORTS.—

(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the program under section 1074p of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), which shall include a description of the program and such other matters on the program as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(2) ADDITIONAL REPORT.—Not later than two years after commencement of implementation of the program under such section 1074p, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the program, which shall include the following:

(A) A description of the program, including the partnerships under the program as described in subsection (b) of such section 1074p.

(B) An assessment of the effectiveness of the program and the activities under the program.

(C) Such recommendations for legislative or administrative action as the Secretary considers appropriate in light of the program.

(e) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 702 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 1092 note) is repealed.