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

SEC. 7. PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE MILITARY READINESS THROUGH NUTRITION AND WELLNESS INITIATIVES.

(a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall carry out a pilot program to improve military readiness through nutrition and wellness initiatives.

(b) UNIT SELECTION.—The Secretary of Defense shall select for participation in the pilot program under subsection (a) a unit at a basic training facility or an early instructional facility of a military department.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The pilot program under subsection (a) shall include the following activities:

(1) The development, and administration to the unit selected pursuant to subsection (b), of an educational curriculum relating to nutrition, physical fitness, the proper use of supplements, and any other human performance elements determined rel-
evant by the Secretary of the military department
with jurisdiction over the unit.

(2) The provision to the unit of health-related
testing.

(3) The provision to the unit of dietary supple-
ments.

(d) IMPLEMENTING PARTNER.—

(1) SELECTION.—The Secretary of Defense
shall select as an implementing partner a single con-
tractor to both carry out all of the activities under
subsection (c) and manufacture the dietary supple-
ments to be provided pursuant to subsection (c)(3)
at a manufacturing facility owned by the contractor.

In making such selection, the Secretary shall ensure
that the contractor enforces an appropriate level of
third-party review with respect to the quality and
safety of products manufactured, as determined by
the Secretary.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting the con-
tractor under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall con-
sider the following:

(A) Whether the contractor has the ability
to carry out each activity under subsection (c),
in addition to the ability to manufacture the di-
etary supplements to be provided pursuant to subsection (e)(3).

(B) Whether the manufacturing facility of the contractor is a fully independent, third-party certified, manufacturing facility that holds the highest “Good Manufacturing Practice” certification or rating possible, as issued by a regulatory agency of the Federal government.

(C) Whether the manufacturing facility of the contractor, and all finished products manufactured therein, have been verified by a third-party as free from banned substances and contaminants.

(D) Whether the contractor is in compliance with the adverse event reporting policy and third-party adverse event monitoring policy of the Food and Drug Administration.

(E) Whether the contractor implements a stability testing program that supports product expiration dating.

(F) Whether the contractor has a credible and robust environment, social, and governance policy that articulates responsibilities and annual goals.
(G) Whether the contractor has demonstrated at least five years of operation as a business in good standing in the industry.

(H) Whether the contractor has a demonstrated history of maintaining relationships with nationally-recognized medical and health organizations.

(c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the pilot program under subsection (a), the contractor selected under subsection (d) shall coordinate with the following:

(1) Command, training, and medical officers and noncommissioned officers.

(2) Outside experts (including experts with relevant experience from research and testing organizations, credible medical committees, or hospitals) that may lend personalized support, capture data, and facilitate third-party adverse event reporting.

(f) DURATION.—The pilot program under subsection (a) shall be for a period of six months.

(g) REPORT.—Upon the termination of the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the pilot program, including any findings or data from the pilot program, and a recommendation by the Secretary of Defense for improvements to the readi-
ness of the Armed Forces based on such findings and data.