

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . REPORT AND STANDARDS ON MEDICAL READI-**
2 **NESS EFFECTS OF CHANGES TO INFLUENZA**
3 **VACCINATION POLICY.**

4 (a) REPORT.—

5 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
8 defense committees a report on the effects, if any,
9 of the policy described in paragraph (3) on the
10 health and medical readiness of the Armed Forces.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph
12 (1) shall include the following, with respect to the
13 one-year period preceding the date of the report:

14 (A) The number of confirmed cases of in-
15 fluenza among members of the Armed Forces,
16 including a separate count for recruits and
17 trainees in initial entry training, disaggregated
18 by month and by training installation.

1 (B) The number of hospitalizations, and
2 the number of deaths, if any, of members of the
3 Armed Forces relating to influenza.

4 (C) The number of training days lost, and
5 the number of training graduations delayed, as
6 a result of influenza outbreaks among recruits
7 and trainees in initial entry training.

8 (D) The influenza vaccination rate among
9 members of the Armed Forces, including a sep-
10 arate rate for recruits and trainees in initial
11 entry training, as compared to the rate for the
12 one-year period preceding the policy described
13 in paragraph (3).

14 (E) A list of each exception to the policy
15 described in paragraph (3) requested by a mili-
16 tary department or other component of the De-
17 partment of Defense, whether such exception
18 was granted, and an explanation for the deter-
19 mination.

20 (F) An assessment by the Assistant Sec-
21 retary of Defense for Health Affairs of the ef-
22 fects, if any, of the policy described in para-
23 graph (3) on the medical readiness of the
24 Armed Forces.

1 (3) POLICY DESCRIBED.—The policy described
2 in this paragraph is the policy of the Department of
3 Defense to make annual influenza vaccination vol-
4 untary rather than mandatory for members of the
5 Armed Forces.

6 (b) STANDARDS.—Not later than 270 days after the
7 date on which the Secretary submits the report under sub-
8 section (a)(1), the Secretary shall establish standards to
9 mitigate the spread of influenza among recruits and train-
10 ees in initial entry training, taking into account the find-
11 ings of such report.

12 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 30 days
13 after submitting the report under subsection (a)(1), the
14 Secretary shall make such report publicly available on the
15 website of the Department of Defense.

