

AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT TO H.R.

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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. _____ . IMPROVEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE.**

2 (a) **EVALUATIONS OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND**
3 **SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not less than once each
5 year, the Secretary concerned (as defined in section
6 101(a)(9) of title 10, United States Code) shall con-
7 tract with a third party unaffiliated with the Depart-
8 ment of Veterans Affairs or the Department of De-
9 fense to conduct an evaluation of the mental health
10 care and suicide prevention programs carried out
11 under the laws administered by such Secretary.

12 (2) **ELEMENTS.**—Each evaluation conducted
13 under paragraph (1) shall—

14 (A) use metrics that are common among
15 and useful for practitioners in the field of men-
16 tal health care and suicide prevention;

1 (B) identify the most effective mental
2 health care and suicide prevention programs
3 conducted by the Secretary concerned;

4 (C) propose best practices for caring for
5 individuals who suffer from mental health dis-
6 orders or are at risk of suicide; and

7 (D) make recommendations to improve the
8 coordination and integration of mental health
9 and suicide prevention services between the De-
10 partment of Veterans Affairs and the Depart-
11 ment of Defense to improve the delivery and ef-
12 fectiveness of such services.

