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At the end of title I, add the following new subtitle:

Subtitle G—Military Suicide Prevention in the 21st Century

SEC. 155. PILOT PROGRAM ON PRE-PROGRAMMING OF SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES INTO SMART DEVICES ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) In General.—Commencing not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary—

(1) pre-downloads the Virtual Hope Box application of the Defense Health Agency, or such successor application, on smart devices individually issued to members of the Armed Forces;

(2) pre-programs the National Suicide Hotline number and Veterans Crisis Line number into the contacts for such devices; and

(3) provides training, as part of training on suicide awareness and prevention conducted throughout
the Department of Defense, on the preventative re-
resources described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
pilot program under this section for a two-year period.

(c) SCOPE.—The Secretary shall determine the ap-
propriate scope of individuals participating in the pilot
program under this section to best represent each Armed
Force and to ensure a relevant sample size.

(d) IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER RESOURCES.—In
carrying out the pilot program under this section, the Sec-
retary shall coordinate with the Director of the Defense
Health Agency and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
identify other useful technology-related resources for use
in the pilot program.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after com-
pleting the pilot program under this section, the Secretary
shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the
Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
House of Representatives a report on the pilot program.

(f) VETERANS CRISIS LINE DEFINED.—In this sec-
tion, the term “Veterans Crisis Line” means the toll-free
hotline for veterans established under section 1720F(h) of
title 38, United States Code.