

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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In subtitle G of title V, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE**
2 **TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE SOLID**
4 **START PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
5 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DE-
7 PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 1142(b) of title 10,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (5), by inserting “(11),” be-
10 fore “and (16)”; and

11 (2) by striking paragraph (11) and inserting
12 the following:

13 “(11) Information concerning mental health, in-
14 cluding—

15 “(A) the availability of mental health serv-
16 ices furnished by the Secretary concerned, the
17 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans
18 Affairs, or a non-profit entity;

1 “(B) the treatment of post-traumatic
2 stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety
3 disorders, depression, chronic pain, sleep dis-
4 orders, suicidal ideation, or other mental health
5 conditions associated with service in the armed
6 forces;

7 “(C) the risk of suicide, including signs,
8 symptoms, and risk factors (including adverse
9 childhood experiences, depression, bipolar dis-
10 order, homelessness, unemployment, and rela-
11 tionship strain);

12 “(D) the availability of treatment options
13 and resources to address substance abuse, in-
14 cluding alcohol, prescription drug, and opioid
15 abuse;

16 “(E) the potential effects of the loss of
17 community and support systems experienced by
18 a member separating from the armed forces;

19 “(F) isolation from family, friends, or soci-
20 ety; and

21 “(G) the potential stressors associated with
22 separation from the armed forces.”.

23 (b) SOLID START PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT
24 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 6320(b)(1) of title 38,
25 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and
2 (H) as subparagraphs (I) and (J), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-
4 lowing new subparagraphs:

5 “(G) assisting eligible veterans who elect to en-
6 roll in the system of patient enrollment under sec-
7 tion 1705(a) of this title;

8 “(H) educating veterans about mental health
9 and counseling services available through the Vet-
10 erans Health Administration;”.

11 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and
13 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to
14 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
15 information and materials developed pursuant to the
16 amendments made by this section.

17 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
18 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
19 gressional committees” means—

20 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
21 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

22 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
23 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of
24 Representatives.

