AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

SEC. 5. REPORT REGARDING COUNTY, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services and on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives and Senate a report regarding the effects of the presence of CVSOs at demobilization centers on members of the Armed Forces making the transition to civilian life.

(b) METRICS.—In determining the effects described in subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall use metrics including the following:

(1) Feedback from members described in subsection (a) and from veterans regarding interactions with CVSOs.

(2) Greater use of benefits (including health care, employment services, education, and home
loans) available to veterans under laws administered
by the Secretary of—

(A) Veterans Affairs;
(B) Labor;
(C) Health and Human Services;
(D) Housing and Urban Development; or
(E) Education.

(3) Greater use of benefits available to veterans
not described in paragraph (2).

(4) Frequencies of post-demobilization follow-up
meetings initiated by—

(A) a CVSO; or
(B) a veteran.

(5) Awareness and understanding of local sup-
port services (including CVSOs) available to vet-

(c) ELEMENTS.—The report under this section shall
include the following:

(1) The number of demobilization centers that
host CVSOs.

(2) The locations of demobilization centers de-
scribed in paragraph (1).

(3) Barriers to expanding the presence of
CVSOs at demobilization centers nationwide.
(4) Recommendations of the Secretary of Defense regarding the presence of CVSOs at demobilization centers.

(d) CVSO Defined.—In this section, the term “CVSO” includes—

(1) a county veterans service officer;

(2) a Tribal veterans service officer;

(3) a Tribal veterans representative; or

(4) another State, Tribal, or local entity that the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.