At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 7. DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE COMBAT CASUALTY CARE FOR PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) Partn erships.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Defense shall, through the Joint Trauma Education and Training Directorate established under section 708 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note), develop partnerships with civilian academic medical centers and large metropolitan teaching hospitals to improve combat casualty care for personnel of the Armed Forces.

(2) Partnerships with level I trauma centers.—In carrying out partnerships under paragraph (1), trauma surgeons and physicians of the Department of Defense shall partner with level I civilian trauma centers to provide adequate training
and readiness for the next generation of medical
providers to treat critically injured burn patients.

(b) SUPPORT OF PARTNERSHIPS.—The Secretary of
Defense shall make every effort to support partnerships
under the Joint Trauma Education and Training Direc-
torate with academic institutions that have level I civilian
trauma centers, specifically those centers with a burn cen-
ter, that offer burn rotations and clinical experience to
provide adequate training and readiness for the next gen-
eration of medical providers to treat critically injured burn
patients.

(c) LEVEL I CIVILIAN TRAUMA CENTER DEFINED.—
In this section, the term “level I civilian trauma center”
has the meaning given that term in section 708 of the
(Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note).

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
on October 1, 2020.