AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6395

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At the appropriate place in title VII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 7. PILOT PROGRAM ON TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IMPACTED BY TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND OTHER ASSOCIATED HEALTH FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE LONG-TERM BRAIN HEALTH AND PERFORMANCE.

(a) PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense may commence the conduct of a pilot program through the award of grants to carry out a comprehensive brain health and treatment program that provides coordinated, integrated, multi-disciplinary specialist evaluations, treatment initiation, and aftercare coordination to members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force impacted by traumatic brain injury and other associated health factors that influence long-term brain health and performance.
(2) ELEMENTS.—

(A) EVALUATIONS.—Multidisciplinary specialist evaluations under paragraph (1) shall include evaluations in the following specialties:

(i) Brain injury medicine.

(ii) Neuropsychology.

(iii) Clinical psychology.

(iv) Psychiatry.

(v) Neuroendocrinology.

(vi) Sports medicine.

(vii) Muscular skeletal and vestibular physical therapy.

(viii) Neuroimaging.

(ix) Hormonal evaluation.

(x) Metabolic testing.

(xi) Cardiovascular testing.

(xii) Cerebrovascular testing.

(B) TREATMENT.—Treatment under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(i) Headache treatment.

(ii) Sleep interventions and medication.

(iii) Injection-based therapies for muscular skeletal pain.

(iv) Cognitive rehabilitation.
(v) Vestibular physical therapy.

(vi) Exercise programming.

(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—An individual is eligible to participate in the pilot program under this section if the individual—

(1) is a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force who served on active duty; and

(2) experienced an incident for which treatment may be sought under the pilot program while performing—

(A) active service; or

(B) active Guard and Reserve duty.

(e) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—In accordance with the services being provided under a grant under this section and the duration of those services, the Secretary shall establish a maximum amount to be awarded under the grant that is not greater than $750,000 per grantee per fiscal year.

(d) REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) NOTIFICATION THAT SERVICES ARE FROM DEPARTMENT.—Each entity receiving financial assistance under this section to provide services to eligible individuals and their family shall notify the re-
recipients of such services that such services are being
paid for, in whole or in part, by the Department.

(2) COORDINATION WITH OTHER SERVICES
FROM DEPARTMENT.—Each entity receiving a grant
under this section shall coordinate with the Secre-
tary with respect to the provision of clinical serv-
ices to eligible individuals in accordance with any
other provision of law regarding the delivery of
healthcare under the laws administered by the Sec-

(3) MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING.—Each
entity receiving a grant under this section shall sub-
mit to the Secretary a description of the tools and
assessments the entity uses or will use to determine
the effectiveness of the services furnished by the en-
tity under this section, including the effect of those
services on—

(A) the financial stability of eligible indi-
viduals receiving those services;

(B) the mental health status, well-being,
and suicide risk of those eligible individuals;
and

(C) the social support of those eligible indi-
viduals.

(4) REPORTS.—The Secretary—
(A) shall require each entity receiving financial assistance under this section to submit to the Secretary an annual report that describes the projects carried out with such financial assistance during the year covered by the report, including the number of eligible individuals served;

(B) shall specify to each such entity the evaluation criteria and data and information, which shall include a mental health, well-being, and suicide risk assessment of each eligible individual served, to be submitted in such report; and

(C) may require such entities to submit to the Secretary such additional reports as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) Termination.—The Secretary may not conduct the pilot program under this section after the date that is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) Report.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the pilot program under this section terminates, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the effectiveness of the pilot program.
(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “active duty”, “active Guard and Reserve duty”, and “active service” have the meanings given those terms in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.