

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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Add at the end of subtitle C of title VII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7_____ . STUDY AND REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH AS-**
2 **SESSMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF A CON-**
4 **TINGENCY OPERATION.**

5 (a) STUDY.—Each Secretary concerned, with respect
6 to the military department concerned, shall conduct a
7 study on the mental health assessments provided to mem-
8 bers of the Armed Forces deployed in connection with a
9 contingency operation.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
11 shall include a discussion and evaluation of the following:

12 (1) The mental health assessments provided
13 under section 1074m of title 10, United States
14 Code, including any written guidance prescribed by
15 the Secretary of Defense or the Secretaries con-
16 cerned with respect to such mental health assess-
17 ments.

1 (2) The extent to which waivers for mental
2 health assessments are granted by the Secretary of
3 Defense under subsection (a)(2) and (a)(3) of such
4 section (as amended by this Act), and the most com-
5 mon reasons why such waivers are granted.

6 (3) For each mental health assessment specified
7 in subsection (a)(1) of such section, the effectiveness
8 of such assessment with respect to the detection and
9 initiation of treatment, when appropriate, of mem-
10 bers for behavioral health conditions.

11 (4) With respect to a mental health assessment
12 provided to members that is determined by the Sec-
13 retary concerned under paragraph (3) to have low
14 effectiveness, the medical evidence supporting such
15 determination.

16 (5) The health impacts on members provided
17 mental health assessments under such section, in-
18 cluding the extent to which such members—

19 (A) are prescribed medication as a result
20 of an assessment;

21 (B) seek post-deployment treatment, other
22 than treatment required under such section, for
23 a behavioral health condition; and

24 (C) commit suicide or engage in other
25 harmful activities.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary concerned
3 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
4 port containing the results of the study conducted under
5 subsection (a).

6 (d) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—In this section, the
7 term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given that
8 term in section 101(a)(9) of title 10, United States Code.

