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OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 729. EDUCATION ON FAMILY PLANNING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) Education Programs.—

(1) In general.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, shall establish a uniform standard curriculum to be used in education programs on family planning for all members of the Armed Forces, including both men and women members. Such education programs shall be provided to members as follows:

(A) During the first year of service of the member.

(B) At such other times as each Secretary of a military department determines appropriate.
(2) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that the education programs under paragraph (1) should be evidence-informed and use the latest technology available to efficiently and effectively deliver information to members of the Armed Forces.

(b) Elements.—The uniform standard curriculum under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Information for members of the Armed Forces on active duty to make informed decisions regarding family planning.

(2) Information about the prevention of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including human immunodeficiency virus (commonly known as “HIV”).

(3) Information on—

(A) the importance of providing comprehensive family planning for members, including commanding officers; and

(B) the positive impact family planning can have on the health and readiness of the Armed Forces.

(4) Current, medically accurate information.

(5) Clear, user-friendly information on—
(A) the full range of methods of contraception approved by the Food and Drug Administration; and

(B) where members can access their chosen method of contraception.

(6) Information on all applicable laws and policies so that members are informed of their rights and obligations.

(7) Information on patients' rights to confidentiality.

(8) Information on the unique circumstances encountered by members and the effects of such circumstances on the use of contraception.