

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle J of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5___ . GAO STUDY OF MEMBERS ABSENT WITHOUT**
2 **LEAVE OR ON UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE.**

3 (a) **STUDY; REPORT.**—Not later than September 30,
4 2021, the Comptroller General of the United States shall
5 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
6 ate and House of Representatives a report containing the
7 results of a study regarding how the Armed Forces handle
8 cases of members absent without leave or on unauthorized
9 absence.

10 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under this section shall
11 include the following:

12 (1) The procedures and guidelines established
13 by each Armed Force for the investigation of such
14 a case.

15 (2) The guidelines for distinguishing between—

16 (A) common cases;

17 (B) cases that may involve foul play or ac-
18 cident; and

1 (C) cases wherein the member may be in
2 danger.

3 (3) The current guidelines for cooperation and
4 coordination between military investigative agencies
5 and—

6 (A) local law enforcement agencies; and

7 (B) Federal law enforcement agencies.

8 (4) The current guidelines for use of traditional
9 and social media in conjunction with such cases.

10 (5) Military resources available for such cases
11 and any apparent shortfalls in such resources.

12 (6) How the procedures for such cases vary be-
13 tween Armed Forces.

14 (7) How the procedures described in paragraph
15 (6) vary from procedures used by local and Federal
16 law enforcement.

17 (8) Best practices for responding to and inves-
18 tigating such cases.

19 (9) Any other matter the Comptroller General
20 determines appropriate.

