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OFFERED BY MR. WELCH OF VERMONT

In title V, at the end of subtitle I add the following:

SEC. ____ ASSISTANCE OF STATES FOR DEPLOYMENT-RELATED SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES UNDERGOING DEPLOYMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM.

Section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (10 U.S.C. 10101 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (k) and (l) as subsections (l) and (m), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (j) the following new subsection (k):

“(k) SUPPORT BEYOND PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide funding to States to carry out programs that provide deployment cycle information, services, and referrals to members of the Armed Forces, including members of the regular components and members of the reserve components, and the families of such members, throughout the deployment cycle. Such programs
may include the provision of access to outreach services, including the following:

“(1) Employment counseling.

“(2) Behavioral health counseling.

“(3) Suicide prevention.

“(4) Housing advocacy.

“(5) Financial counseling.

“(6) Referrals for the receipt of other related services.”.