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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KELLY (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Brandon Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY REFERRAL OF MEMBERS OF THE**
6 **ARMED FORCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH EVAL-**
7 **UATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1090a of title 10, United
9 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
2 section (f); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(e) PROCESS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER DISCLO-
6 SURE.—The regulations required by subsection (a) shall—

7 “(1) establish a phrase that enables a member
8 of the armed forces to trigger a referral of the mem-
9 ber by a commanding officer or supervisor for a
10 mental health evaluation;

11 “(2) require a commanding officer or supervisor
12 to make such referral as soon as practicable fol-
13 lowing disclosure by the member to the commanding
14 officer or supervisor of the phrase established under
15 paragraph (1); and

16 “(3) ensure that the process under this sub-
17 section protects the confidentiality of the member in
18 a manner similar to the confidentiality provided for
19 members making restricted reports under section
20 1565b(b) of this title.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of
22 such section is amended, in the second sentence, by strik-
23 ing “subsections (b), (c), and (d)” and inserting “this sec-
24 tion”.

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