

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 9396

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 23, 2024

Mr. ARRINGTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Smitty Check Act of  
5       2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL BRIEFING ON THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF**  
2 **ARMY COMMANDERS TO ENSURE THE WEL-**  
3 **FARE OF PERSONNEL UNDER THEIR JURIS-**  
4 **DICTION.**

5 Not later than January 31, 2025, and annually there-  
6 after, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the Com-  
7 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of  
8 Representatives a briefing regarding—

9 (1) how the Secretary has implemented guid-  
10 ance issued on February 5, 2024, titled “Account-  
11 ability and Welfare of Soldiers and DA Civilians”  
12 that restated and emphasized the policies of the  
13 Army regarding the responsibility of commanders to  
14 check on the health and welfare of personnel, par-  
15 ticularly following an injury or significant medical  
16 incident;

17 (2) whether such implementation includes a  
18 penalty for failure to follow such guidance; and

19 (3) the methods the Secretary uses to ensure  
20 that appropriate medical protocols are followed.

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