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H. R. 6383

To direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategic plan to address
mental health of members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2025

Mr. CISNEROS (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategic
plan to address mental health of members of the Armed
Forces.

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 Training
5 and Protocol Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH OF**
7 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8 (a) PLAN.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordina-
9 tion with each Secretary of a military department and the
10 Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall develop a

1 strategic plan to address suicide by members of the Armed
2 Forces and the mental health services provided to mem-
3 bers.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall
5 include the following:

6 (1) Developing and enforcing uniform protocols
7 with respect to—

8 (A) the regulations prescribed for the self-
9 initiated referral process under section 1090b(e)
10 of title 10, United States Code, for members of
11 the Armed Forces seeking mental health evalua-
12 tions; and

13 (B) the provision of information, including
14 through workplace posters, flyers, and adver-
15 tisements, to ensure members are aware of such
16 referral process.

17 (2) Standardized mental health training for
18 members of the Armed Forces, including—

19 (A) specialized training for commanders,
20 senior enlisted leaders, and medical personnel
21 on identifying and addressing mental health
22 concerns;

23 (B) the development of a certification proc-
24 ess based on completion of training with docu-
25 mented proof of compliance;

1 (C) how to respond when a member initi-
2 ates the referral process under section 1090b(e)
3 of title 10, United States Code; and

4 (D) how to recognize signs indicating men-
5 tal health distress.

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