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To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to use amounts under the Veteran-Directed Care program to provide care to veterans with acquired brain injury, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2026

Mr. CASSIDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veteran Acquired
5 Brain Injury Caregiving Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF AMOUNTS UNDER VET-**
2 **ERAN-DIRECTED CARE PROGRAM TO PRO-**
3 **VIDE CARE TO VETERANS WITH ACQUIRED**
4 **BRAIN INJURY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 180
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a five-year pilot
8 program under which an eligible veteran may use funds
9 under the Veteran-Directed Care program to purchase
10 care from an eligible veteran mission-driven nonprofit.

11 (b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall select not fewer
12 than five medical centers of the Department of Veterans
13 Affairs at which to carry out the pilot program under sub-
14 section (a).

15 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less fre-
17 quently than annually thereafter until the termination of
18 the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
19 submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
20 ate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House
21 of Representatives a report containing the following:

22 (1) The number of eligible veterans receiving
23 assistance under the pilot program.

24 (2) The number of eligible veteran mission-driv-
25 en nonprofits participating in the pilot program.

1 (3) An evaluation of the clinical outcomes of
2 veterans participating in the pilot program, veteran
3 satisfaction with the pilot program, and other rel-
4 evant data the Secretary determines appropriate.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ELIGIBLE VETERAN.—The term “eligible
7 veteran” means a veteran who—

8 (A) is clinically assessed to have an ac-
9 quired brain injury; and

10 (B) is an eligible veteran under section
11 1720L of title 38, United States Code.

12 (2) ELIGIBLE VETERAN MISSION-DRIVEN NON-
13 PROFIT.—The term “eligible veteran mission-driven
14 nonprofit” means an organization—

15 (A) described in section 501(c)(3) of the
16 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is exempt
17 from taxation under section 501(a) of such
18 Code; and

19 (B) that provides services provided under
20 the Veteran-Directed Care program for a vet-
21 eran.

22 (3) VETERAN-DIRECTED CARE PROGRAM.—The
23 term “Veteran-Directed Care program” means the

- 1 program under section 1720L(b) of title 38, United
- 2 States Code.

