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To require a pilot program to assess the adoption of the Air Force Expeditionary Medical Support System by the Air National Guard.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CARNAHAN 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. PILOT PROGRAM ON ADOPTION OF AIR FORCE**
4 **EXPEDITIONARY MEDICAL SUPPORT SYSTEM**
5 **BY THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD.**

6 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—(1) The Chief of the National
7 Guard Bureau shall carry out a pilot program for pur-
8 poses of assessing the feasibility and advisability of the
9 adoption of the Air Force Expeditionary Medical Support
10 System (EMEDS), or a modification of the system identi-

1 fied as a result of the pilot program, within the United
2 States by the Air National Guard.

3 (2) The Expeditionary Medical Support System is a
4 capability for the rapid deployment of medical personnel
5 and equipment in order to provide an immediate medical
6 response in circumstances which require it.

7 (b) LOCATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—(1) The pilot
8 program shall be carried out at two locations jointly se-
9 lected by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the
10 Surgeon General of the Air Force for purposes of the pilot
11 program.

12 (2) Each site selected for the pilot program shall—

13 (A) be a site at which first responder and Expe-
14 ditionary Medical Support System courses are con-
15 ducted;

16 (B) have in force agreements with one or more
17 academic health centers on the provision of training
18 and continuing education;

19 (C) meet readiness requirements for Expedi-
20 tionary Medical Support System personnel estab-
21 lished by the Surgeon General of the Air Force; and

22 (D) be co-located with an active military or ci-
23 vilian airfield capable of supporting C-17 aircraft.

1 (c) CONSULTATION.—The Chief of the National
2 Guard Bureau shall carry out the pilot program in con-
3 sultation with the Surgeon General of the Air Force.

4 (d) DUTY OF MEMBERS OF AIR NATIONAL GUARD
5 UNDER PILOT PROGRAM.—(1) The following members of
6 the Air National Guard may perform duties in connection
7 with the pilot program:

8 (A) A member on active duty as described in
9 section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code, for
10 organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or
11 training the Air National Guard.

12 (B) A member serving on full-time National
13 Guard duty (as that term is defined in section
14 101(d) of title 10, United States Code) pursuant to
15 an order to duty under section 502(f) of title 32,
16 United States Code.

17 (2) Members of the National Guard on active duty
18 who are performing duties in connection with the pilot
19 program shall be counted against the annual end strength
20 authorizations required by section 115(a)(1)(B) and
21 115(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code. The justifica-
22 tion material for the defense budget request for a fiscal
23 year shall identify the number of members of the Air Na-
24 tional Guard programmed to perform duties in connection
25 with the pilot program during that fiscal year.

1 (e) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2004, the
2 Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall submit to Con-
3 gress a report on the pilot program. The report shall in-
4 clude the following:

5 (1) A description of the pilot program.

6 (2) An assessment of the feasibility and advis-
7 ability of the adoption of the Air Force Expedi-
8 tionary Medical Support System, or a modification
9 of the system, within the United States by the Air
10 National Guard.

11 (3) If a modification of the Expeditionary Med-
12 ical Support System is determined to be the most
13 feasible and advisable means of adoption of the sys-
14 tem by the Air National Guard, a description of
15 such modification.

16 (4) Any other matters relating to the pilot pro-
17 gram that the Chief of the National Guard Bureau
18 considers appropriate.

19 (f) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
20 nate on September 30, 2004.

21 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)
22 There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
23 year 2003, \$14,000,000 for purposes of the pilot program.

- 1 (2) The amount authorized to be appropriated by
- 2 paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

