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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Lane Evans Veterans  
5       Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2007”.

1 **TITLE I—BENEFITS AND SERV-**  
 2 **ICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE**  
 3 **ARMED FORCES AND VET-**  
 4 **ERANS**

5 **SEC. 101. MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES FOR VETERANS OF**  
 6 **FUTURE CONFLICTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH**  
 7 **CONDITIONS FOR WHICH EVIDENCE IS IN-**  
 8 **SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE-CON-**  
 9 **NECTION.**

10 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Paragraph (1) of section 1710(e)  
 11 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
 12 the end the following new subparagraph:

13 “(F) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a veteran  
 14 who served on active duty as described in subparagraph  
 15 (D) during a period of war, or after the date, specified  
 16 in that subparagraph is also eligible for—

17 “(i) a mental health evaluation to be provided  
 18 by the Secretary not later than 30 days after the  
 19 date of the request of the veteran for such evalua-  
 20 tion; and

21 “(ii) hospital care, medical services, nursing  
 22 home care, and family and marital counseling for  
 23 any mental health condition identified pursuant to  
 24 such evaluation, notwithstanding that there is insuf-

1       ficient medical evidence to conclude that such condi-  
 2       tion is attributable to such service.”.

3       (b) LIMITATIONS.—

4           (1) CAUSATION.—Paragraph (2)(B) of such  
 5       section is amended by striking “or (E)” and insert-  
 6       ing “(E), or (F)”.

7           (2) DURATION AFTER SERVICE.—Paragraph  
 8       (3) of such section is amended—

9           (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
 10       “and” at the end;

11          (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the  
 12       period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13          (C) by adding at the end the following new  
 14       subparagraph:

15       “(E) in the case of a veteran described in para-  
 16       graph (1)(F)—

17           “(i) with respect to the evaluation de-  
 18       scribed in clause (i) of that paragraph, after a  
 19       period of 5 years beginning on the date of the  
 20       veteran’s discharge or release from active mili-  
 21       tary, naval, or air service; and

22           “(ii) with respect to the care, services, and  
 23       counseling described in clause (ii) of that para-  
 24       graph, after a period of 2 years beginning on  
 25       the date of the commencement of the provision

1 of such care, services, and counseling to the vet-  
 2 eran.”.

3 **SEC. 102. POSTDEPLOYMENT MEDICAL AND MENTAL**  
 4 **HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR MEMBERS OF THE**  
 5 **ARMED FORCES.**

6 Section 1074f(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 7 amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The system”;

9 (2) by striking the second sentence; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
 11 paragraph:

12 “(2) The postdeployment examination shall be con-  
 13 ducted not later than 30 days after the date of the return  
 14 of a member to the United States from a deployment as  
 15 described in subsection (a). The examination shall include  
 16 a comprehensive medical and mental health assessment  
 17 conducted on an individualized basis by personnel quali-  
 18 fied to conduct such examinations.”.

19 **SEC. 103. PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC COPY OF MILITARY**  
 20 **RECORDS ON DISCHARGE OR RELEASE OF**  
 21 **MEMBERS FROM THE ARMED FORCES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Armed  
 23 Forces shall be provided, upon discharge or release from  
 24 the Armed Forces, a copy in an electronic format of the  
 25 military records (including all medical, military service,

1 and other military records) of such member. The copy of  
2 such records shall be provided through a portable, readily  
3 accessible, digital, read-only medium.

4 (b) PROTECTION OF PRIVACY.—A copy of records  
5 shall be provided under subsection (a) in a manner, includ-  
6 ing the utilization of personal security codes for access,  
7 that ensures that access to such records is limited to the  
8 member of the Armed Forces concerned and such other  
9 individuals as may be authorized by such member.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
12 shall submit to Congress a report on the actions being  
13 taken to comply with the requirements of this section. The  
14 report shall include a detailed discussion of the mecha-  
15 nisms to be utilized in order to assure the protection of  
16 privacy of military records of members of the Armed  
17 Forces as required by subsection (b).

18 **SEC. 104. ENHANCED OUTREACH TO MEMBERS OF THE NA-**  
19 **TIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE ON AVAILABLE**  
20 **BENEFITS AND SERVICES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
22 take appropriate actions to ensure that members of the  
23 National Guard and Reserve are provided comprehensive  
24 outreach on the following:

1           (1) The benefits and services available from and  
2           through the Federal Government to members of the  
3           National Guard and Reserve upon their deactivation  
4           from active duty service in the Armed Forces, in-  
5           cluding benefits under the Benefits Delivery at Dis-  
6           charge program and medical and mental health serv-  
7           ices.

8           (2) The benefits and services available from and  
9           through the Federal Government to members of the  
10          National Guard and Reserve upon their discharge or  
11          release from the Armed Forces, including benefits  
12          under the Benefits Delivery at Discharge program  
13          and medical and mental health services.

14          (b) NATURE OF OUTREACH.—The outreach provided  
15          under subsection (a) shall be of the same nature, duration,  
16          and quality as outreach provided to members of the reg-  
17          ular components of the Armed Forces at discharge or re-  
18          lease from the Armed Forces, except that such outreach  
19          shall be tailored to the specific employment and other  
20          transition needs of members of the National Guard and  
21          Reserve who are being deactivated from active duty or dis-  
22          charged or released from the Armed Forces.

23          (c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
24          provide outreach under subsection (a) in consultation with  
25          the following:

1           (1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with re-  
2       spect to benefits and services available under the  
3       laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
4       fairs.

5           (2) The Secretary of Labor, with respect to  
6       benefits and services available under the laws admin-  
7       istered by the Secretary of Labor (including employ-  
8       ment and reemployment benefits under chapter 43  
9       of title 38, United States Code (commonly referred  
10      to as “USERRA”)).

11          (3) The Administrator of the Small Business  
12      Administration, with respect to benefits and services  
13      available under the laws administered by the Admin-  
14      istrator.

15          (4) The Director of the Office of Personnel  
16      Management, with respect to eligibility for pref-  
17      erences in employment by the Federal Government.

18          (5) The head of any other department or agen-  
19      cy of the Federal Government that provides benefits  
20      and services to former members of the Armed  
21      Forces, with respect to such benefits and services.

22      (d) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
23      of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
24      shall submit to Congress a report on the actions being  
25      taken to comply with the requirements of this section.

# 1 **TITLE II—REPORTS ON EFFECTS** 2 **OF GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM**

## 3 **SEC. 201. DEFINITIONAL MATTERS.**

4 (a) GENERAL DEFINITION OF “GLOBAL WAR ON  
5 TERRORISM”.—Section 101 of title 38, United States  
6 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
7 paragraph:

8 “(34) The term ‘Global War on Terrorism’ means the  
9 period beginning on September 11, 2001, and ending on  
10 the date thereafter prescribed by Presidential proclama-  
11 tion or by law.”.

12 (b) SPECIFICATION OF LOCATIONS OF GLOBAL WAR  
13 ON TERRORISM.—For purposes of this title, the geo-  
14 graphic location of the Global War on Terrorism shall be  
15 the locations (including the airspace above) as follows: Af-  
16 ghanistan, Algeria, the Arabian Sea, Armenia, Bab el  
17 Mandeb, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Diego Garcia  
18 (United Kingdom Indian Ocean Territory), Djibouti,  
19 Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, the Republic of Georgia, Greece,  
20 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of  
21 Aqaba, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Suez, Indonesia,  
22 the Ionian Sea, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan,  
23 Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the  
24 Mediterranean Sea, Oman, Pakistan, the Pentagon Res-  
25 ervation, Virginia (but only on September 11, 2001), the



1 Persian Gulf, the Philippines, Qatar, the Red Sea, Roma-  
2 nia, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Spratley Islands, the  
3 Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal, Syria, Tajikistan, Tur-  
4 key, Turkmenistan, the United Arab Emirates,  
5 Uzbekistan, Yemen, and any other location specified for  
6 purposes of this Act by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
7 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense.

8 **SEC. 202. GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM VETERANS INFOR-**  
9 **MATION SYSTEM.**

10 (a) **SYSTEM REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Veterans  
11 Affairs shall establish and maintain an information system  
12 designed to provide a comprehensive record of the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 (1) The veterans of the Global War on Ter-  
15 rorism who seek benefits and services under the laws  
16 administered by the Secretary.

17 (2) The benefits and services provided by the  
18 Secretary to such veterans under the laws adminis-  
19 tered by the Secretary.

20 (b) **DESIGNATION OF SYSTEM.**—The system required  
21 by subsection (a) shall be known as the “Global War on  
22 Terrorism Veterans Information System”.

23 (c) **REQUIREMENTS FOR SYSTEM.**—

24 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The system required by sub-  
25 section (a) shall—

1 (A) permit the accumulation, storage, re-  
2 trieval, and ready analysis of information on  
3 the veterans, and on the benefits and services,  
4 described by that subsection; and

5 (B) facilitate the preparation of the quar-  
6 terly reports on the effects of participation in  
7 the Global War on Terrorism on veterans and  
8 the Department of Veterans Affairs as required  
9 by section 203.

10 (2) MODEL.—The system may incorporate ap-  
11 propriate elements (or variations on such elements)  
12 of the Gulf War Veterans Information System.

13 (d) INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF DE-  
14 FENSE.—

15 (1) PROVISION OF INFORMATION IN GLOBAL  
16 WAR ON TERRORISM CONTINGENCY TRACKING SYS-  
17 TEM.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide to the  
18 Secretary of Veterans Affairs such information in  
19 the Global War on Terrorism Contingency Tracking  
20 System (CTS) of the Department of Defense as the  
21 Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans  
22 Affairs jointly determine appropriate for purposes of  
23 the system required by subsection (a), including the  
24 preparation and submittal of reports required by  
25 section 203.

1           (2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—In-  
2           formation shall be provided under paragraph (1)  
3           pursuant to the terms of a memorandum of under-  
4           standing entered into by the Secretary of Defense  
5           and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for purposes  
6           of this section.

7           (3) COST OF PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—  
8           The cost of the provision of information under para-  
9           graph (1) shall be borne by the Department of De-  
10          fense in accordance with the provisions of section  
11          5106 of title 38, United States Code.

12 **SEC. 203. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON EFFECTS OF PARTICI-**  
13 **PATION IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM**  
14 **ON VETERANS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
15 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

16          (a) QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later  
17          than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
18          and every fiscal year quarter thereafter, the Secretary of  
19          Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appropriate commit-  
20          tees of Congress a report on the effects of participation  
21          in the Global War on Terrorism on veterans and on the  
22          Department of Veterans Affairs.

23          (b) SCOPE OF REPORT.—Each report required by  
24          subsection (a) shall provide the information specified in

1 subsection (c), current as of the date of such report, sepa-  
 2 rately for each of the following periods:

3 (1) The period of the fiscal year quarter for  
 4 which such report is submitted.

5 (2) The period beginning on October 1, 2001,  
 6 and ending on the last day of the most recent fiscal  
 7 year completed on or before the date of such report,  
 8 with such information set forth—

9 (A) in aggregate over such period; and

10 (B) separately for each complete fiscal  
 11 year that falls within such period.

12 (c) COVERED INFORMATION.—The information speci-  
 13 fied in this subsection for a report under subsection (a)  
 14 is information on the provision to veterans of the Global  
 15 War on Terrorism of benefits and services under the laws  
 16 administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as fol-  
 17 lows:

18 (1) PERSONAL INFORMATION.—Aggregated per-  
 19 sonal information on veterans of the Global War on  
 20 Terrorism, including—

21 (A) the number of such veterans by race;

22 (B) the number of such veterans by sex;

23 (C) the number of such veterans by age;

1 (D) the number of such veterans by mar-  
 2 ital status (whether married, single, separated,  
 3 or divorced); and

4 (E) the number of such veterans by resi-  
 5 dence (by State, territory, or country).

6 (2) INFORMATION ON MILITARY SERVICE.—Ag-  
 7 gregated information on the military service of vet-  
 8 erans of the Global War on Terrorism, including in-  
 9 formation on the following:

10 (A) In the case of all veterans of the Glob-  
 11 al War on Terrorism—

12 (i) the number of such veterans by  
 13 Armed Force, and by component of Armed  
 14 Force, in which such veterans served in the  
 15 Global War on Terrorism; and

16 (ii) the number of such veterans by  
 17 duty status in which such veterans served  
 18 in the Global War on Terrorism, including,  
 19 in the case of veterans who were members  
 20 of a reserve component of the Armed  
 21 Forces, the number of such veterans who  
 22 were members of the National Guard.

23 (B) In the case of veterans of the Global  
 24 War on Terrorism who served only in Operation  
 25 Enduring Freedom—

1 (i) the number of such veterans by  
2 Armed Force, and by component of Armed  
3 Force, in which such veterans served in  
4 Operation Enduring Freedom; and

5 (ii) the number of such veterans by  
6 duty status in which such veterans served  
7 in Operation Enduring Freedom, includ-  
8 ing, in the case of veterans who were mem-  
9 bers of a reserve component of the Armed  
10 Forces, the number of such veterans who  
11 were members of the National Guard.

12 (C) In the case of veterans of the Global  
13 War on Terrorism who served only in Operation  
14 Iraqi Freedom—

15 (i) the number of such veterans by  
16 Armed Force, and by component of Armed  
17 Force, in which such veterans served in  
18 Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

19 (ii) the number of such veterans by  
20 duty status in which such veterans served  
21 in Operation Iraqi Freedom, including, in  
22 the case of veterans who were members of  
23 a reserve component of the Armed Forces,  
24 the number of such veterans who were  
25 members of the National Guard.

1 (D) In the case of veterans of the Global  
2 War on Terrorism who served in both Oper-  
3 ation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi  
4 Freedom—

5 (i) the number of such veterans by  
6 Armed Force, and by component of Armed  
7 Force, in which such veterans served in  
8 each of Operation Enduring Freedom and  
9 Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

10 (ii) the number of such veterans by  
11 duty status in which such veterans served  
12 in Operation Enduring Freedom or Oper-  
13 ation Iraqi Freedom, including, in the case  
14 of veterans who were members of a reserve  
15 component of the Armed Forces, the num-  
16 ber of such veterans who were members of  
17 the National Guard.

18 (E) In the case of veterans of the Global  
19 War on Terrorism who served in neither Oper-  
20 ation Enduring Freedom nor Operation Iraqi  
21 Freedom—

22 (i) the number of such veterans by  
23 Armed Force, and by component of Armed  
24 Force, in which such veterans served in the

1 Armed Forces during the Global War on  
2 Terrorism; and

3 (ii) the number of such veterans by  
4 duty status in which such veterans served  
5 in the Armed Forces during the Global  
6 War on Terrorism, including, in the case  
7 of veterans who were members of a reserve  
8 component of the Armed Forces, the num-  
9 ber of such veterans who were members of  
10 the National Guard.

11 (F) The number of veterans of the Global  
12 War on Terrorism by deployment location in  
13 the Global War on Terrorism, including the  
14 number of such veterans deployed to each loca-  
15 tion specified in section 201(b).

16 (G) The deployment history of veterans  
17 during the Global War on Terrorism, includ-  
18 ing—

19 (i) the number of veterans who were  
20 deployed more than once; and

21 (ii) for each number of veterans who  
22 were deployed twice, three times, four  
23 times, or more than four times, the num-  
24 ber of such veterans who were deployed  
25 each such number of times.



(H) The number of veterans of the Global War on Terrorism by grade upon completion of military service in the Global War on Terrorism.

(I) The medical evacuation history of veterans during the Global War on Terrorism, including—

(i) the number of veterans who were evacuated once or more during the Global War on Terrorism; and

(ii) for each number of veterans who were evacuated twice, three times, four times, or more than four times, the number of such veterans who were evacuated each such number of times.

(3) HEALTH, COUNSELING, AND RELATED BENEFITS.—Aggregated information on the health, counseling, and related benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, including information on the following:

(A) The enrollment of such veterans in the patient enrollment system under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code, by priority of enrollment status.

1 (B) The number of inpatient stays of such  
2 veterans, and the cost of the provision of care  
3 and benefits to such veterans during such stays,  
4 set forth by—

5 (i) priority of enrollment status under  
6 the patient enrollment system; and

7 (ii) by condition, including traumatic  
8 brain injury, amputation, mental health  
9 condition, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder  
10 (PTSD), and other conditions.

11 (C) The number of outpatient visits of  
12 such veterans, and the cost of the provision of  
13 care and benefits to such veterans, set forth  
14 by—

15 (i) priority of enrollment status under  
16 the patient enrollment system; and

17 (ii) by condition, including traumatic  
18 brain injury, amputation, mental health  
19 condition, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder  
20 (PTSD), and other conditions.

21 (D) The number of visits of such veterans  
22 to a center for the provision of readjustment  
23 counseling and related mental health services  
24 under section 1712A of title 38, United States  
25 Code (commonly referred to as a “vet center”),

1           and the cost of the provision of such counseling  
2           and services.

3           (4) COMPENSATION, PENSION, AND OTHER  
4 BENEFITS.—Aggregated information on the com-  
5 pensation, pension, and other benefits and services  
6 provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to  
7 veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, including  
8 information on the following:

9                   (A) The claims of such veterans for com-  
10 pensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United  
11 Stated Code, including—

- 12                           (i) the number of claims received;
- 13                           (ii) the number of claims granted;
- 14                           (iii) the number of claims denied; and
- 15                           (iv) the number of claims pending.

16                   (B) The amount of compensation paid to  
17 such veterans, stated as an average monthly  
18 amount for each of the periods covered by such  
19 report and as a total amount for both such pe-  
20 riods.

21                   (C) The claims for dependency and indem-  
22 nity compensation under chapter 13 of title 38,  
23 United States Code, with respect to such vet-  
24 erans, including—

- 25                           (i) the number of claims received;

- 1 (ii) the number of claims granted;
- 2 (iii) the number of claims denied; and
- 3 (iv) the number of claims pending.

4 (D) The amount of dependency and indem-  
5 nity compensation paid with respect to such  
6 veterans, stated as an average monthly amount  
7 for the periods covered by such report and as  
8 a total amount for such periods.

9 (E) The claims for pension under chapter  
10 15 of title 38, United States Code, for or with  
11 respect to such veterans, including—

- 12 (i) the number of claims received;
- 13 (ii) the number of claims granted;
- 14 (iii) the number of claims denied; and
- 15 (iv) the number of claims pending.

16 (F) The education benefits provided to or  
17 with respect to such veterans or other individ-  
18 uals under chapter 30, 32, or 35 of title 38,  
19 United States Code, or chapter 1606 or 1607  
20 of title 10, United States, including—

- 21 (i) the number of veterans or other in-  
22 dividuals provided such benefits (set forth  
23 by chapter under which provided); and
- 24 (ii) the amount of such benefits (set  
25 forth by chapter under which provided).

1 (G) The vocational rehabilitation benefits  
2 and services provided to such veterans, includ-  
3 ing—

4 (i) the number of veterans submitting  
5 applications for such benefits or services;

6 (ii) the number of applications grant-  
7 ed;

8 (iii) the number of applications de-  
9 nied;

10 (iv) the number of applications pend-  
11 ing; and

12 (v) the type and amount of such bene-  
13 fits and services provided.

14 (H) The housing and small business loan  
15 guaranty benefits provided to such veterans  
16 under chapter 37 of title 38, United States  
17 Code, and other provisions of law, including—

18 (i) the number of veterans submitting  
19 applications for such benefits;

20 (ii) the type, and number and amount  
21 by type, of such benefits provided; and

22 (iii) the number and amount by type  
23 of loans in default.

24 (I) The specially adapted housing assist-  
25 ance provided to such veterans under chapter

1           21 of title 38, United States Code, including  
2           the type and amount of assistance provided.

3           (J) The insurance benefits provided to or  
4           with respect to such veterans under chapter 19  
5           of title 38, United States Code, including the  
6           amount of benefits provided under each type of  
7           insurance offered by the Secretary.

8           (5) BURIAL AND CEMETERY BENEFITS.—Ag-  
9           gregated information on the burial and cemetery  
10          benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Af-  
11          fairs with respect to veterans of the Global War on  
12          Terrorism, including information on the following:

13               (A) The number of burials in a cemetery  
14               of the National Cemetery System or Arlington  
15               National Cemetery.

16               (B) The number of flags furnished under  
17               section 2301 of title 38, United States Code.

18               (C) The amount of burial allowances paid  
19               under section 2302 of title 38, United States  
20               Code.

21               (D) The amount of plot allowances paid  
22               under section 2303 of title 38, United States  
23               Code.

24               (E) The number of headstones, markers,  
25               and burial receptacles furnished under section

1           2306 of title 38, United States Code, and the  
2           cost of furnishing such headstones, markers,  
3           and receptacles.

4           (F) The amount of burial and funeral ex-  
5           penses paid under section 2307 of title 38,  
6           United States Code, for veterans who die from  
7           a service-connected disability.

8           (G) The costs of the transportation of the  
9           remains of deceased veterans to a national cem-  
10          etery under section 2308 of title 38, United  
11          States Code.

12       (d) PROTECTION OF IDENTITIES.—The Secretary  
13       shall take appropriate actions in preparing and submitting  
14       reports under this section to ensure that no personally  
15       identifying information on any particular veteran is in-  
16       cluded or otherwise improperly released in such reports.

17       (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18           (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
19       GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
20       gress” means—

21           (A) the Committees on Armed Services,  
22           Appropriations and Veterans’ Affairs of the  
23           Senate; and

1 (B) the Committees on Armed Services,  
2 Appropriations and Veterans' Affairs of the  
3 House of Representatives.

4 (2) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.—The term  
5 “Global War on Terrorism” has the meaning given  
6 that term in section 101(34) of title 38, United  
7 States Code (as added by section 201(a)).

8 (3) VETERAN OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TER-  
9 RORISM.—The term “veteran of the Global War on  
10 Terrorism” means a veteran of the Global War on  
11 Terrorism who served on active military, naval, or  
12 air service during the Global War on Terrorism in  
13 a location specified in section 201(b).

14 **SEC. 204. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON EFFECTS OF PARTICI-**  
15 **PATION IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM**  
16 **ON VETERANS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
17 **LABOR.**

18 (a) QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later  
19 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
20 and every fiscal year quarter thereafter, the Secretary of  
21 Labor shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-  
22 gress a report on the effects of participation in the Global  
23 War on Terrorism on veterans (under the laws adminis-  
24 tered by the Secretary of Labor) and on the Department  
25 of Labor.



1 (b) SCOPE OF REPORT.—Each report required by  
 2 subsection (a) shall provide the information specified in  
 3 subsection (c), current as of the date of such report, sepa-  
 4 rately for each of the following periods:

5 (1) The period of the fiscal year quarter for  
 6 which such report is submitted.

7 (2) The period beginning on October 1, 2001,  
 8 and ending on the last day of the most recent fiscal  
 9 year completed on or before the date of such report,  
 10 with such information set forth—

11 (A) in aggregate over such period; and

12 (B) separately for each complete fiscal  
 13 year that falls within such period.

14 (c) COVERED INFORMATION.—The information speci-  
 15 fied in this subsection for a report under subsection (a)  
 16 is information on the provision to veterans of the Global  
 17 War on Terrorism of employment and other benefits and  
 18 services under the laws administered by the Secretary of  
 19 Labor as follows:

20 (1) The number of veterans submitting applica-  
 21 tions for such benefits or services.

22 (2) The number of applications granted.

23 (3) The number of applications denied.

24 (4) The number of applications pending.

1           (5) The type and amount of such benefits and  
2           services provided.

3           (d) PROTECTION OF IDENTITIES.—The Secretary  
4           shall take appropriate actions in preparing and submitting  
5           reports under this section to ensure that no personally  
6           identifying information on any particular veteran is in-  
7           cluded or otherwise improperly released in such reports.

8           (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9           (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
10          GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
11          gress” means—

12                   (A) the Committees on Armed Services,  
13                   Appropriations and Veterans’ Affairs of the  
14                   Senate; and

15                   (B) the Committees on Armed Services,  
16                   Appropriations and Veterans’ Affairs of the  
17                   House of Representatives.

18          (2) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.—The term  
19          “Global War on Terrorism” has the meaning given  
20          that term in section 101(34) of title 38, United  
21          States Code (as added by section 201(a)).

22          (3) VETERAN OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TER-  
23          RORISM.—The term “veteran of the Global War on  
24          Terrorism” means a veteran of the Global War on  
25          Terrorism who served on active military, naval, or

1 air service during the Global War on Terrorism in  
2 a location specified in section 201(b).

3 **SEC. 205. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON EFFECTS OF PARTICI-**  
4 **PATION IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM**  
5 **ON MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND**  
6 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 (a) QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later  
8 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
9 and every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense  
10 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
11 port on the effects of participation in the Global War on  
12 Terrorism on the members of the Armed Forces and on  
13 the Department of Defense.

14 (b) SCOPE OF REPORT.—Each report required by  
15 subsection (a) shall include the information specified in  
16 subsection (c), current as of the date of such report, sepa-  
17 rately for each of the following periods:

18 (1) The 90-day period ending on the date of  
19 such report.

20 (2) The period beginning on September 11,  
21 2001, and ending on the date of such report.

22 (c) COVERED INFORMATION.—The information speci-  
23 fied in this subsection for a report under subsection (a)  
24 is information on the participation of members of the  
25 Armed Forces in the Global War on Terrorism as follows:

1           (1) PERSONAL INFORMATION.—Aggregated per-  
2           sonal information on members of the Armed Forces  
3           participating in the Global War on Terrorism, in-  
4           cluding—

5                   (A) the number of such members by race;

6                   (B) the number of such members by sex;

7                   (C) the number of such members by age;

8                   (D) the number of such members by mar-  
9           ital status (whether married, single, separated,  
10          or divorced); and

11                  (E) the number of such members by home  
12          of record (by State or territory).

13           (2) INFORMATION ON MILITARY SERVICE.—Ag-  
14           gregated information on the military service of mem-  
15           bers of the Armed Forces participating in the Global  
16           War on Terrorism, including information on the fol-  
17           lowing:

18                   (A) The number of such members by  
19           Armed Force, and by component of Armed  
20           Force, in which such members are serving in  
21           the Global War on Terrorism.

22                   (B) The number of such members by duty  
23           status in which such members are serving in  
24           the Global War on Terrorism, including, in the  
25           case of members who are members of a reserve

1 component of the Armed Forces, the number of  
2 such members who are members of the National  
3 Guard.

4 (C) The number of such members by de-  
5 ployment status in which such members are  
6 serving in the Global War on Terrorism, includ-  
7 ing the number of such members who—

8 (i) have served only in Operation En-  
9 during Freedom;

10 (ii) have served only in Operation  
11 Iraqi Freedom;

12 (iii) have served in both Operation  
13 Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi  
14 Freedom; or

15 (iv) have served in neither Operation  
16 Enduring Freedom nor Operation Iraqi  
17 Freedom.

18 (D) The number of such members by de-  
19 ployment location in the Global War on Ter-  
20 rorism, including the number of such members  
21 deployed to each location specified in section  
22 201(b).

23 (E) The deployment history of such mem-  
24 bers during the Global War on Terrorism, in-  
25 cluding—

1 (i) the number of members who have  
2 been deployed more than once; and

3 (ii) for each number of members who  
4 have been deployed twice, three times, four  
5 times, or more than four times, the num-  
6 ber of such members who have been de-  
7 ployed each such number of times.

8 (F) The number of such members by  
9 grade.

10 (G) The medical evacuation history of such  
11 members during the Global War on Terrorism,  
12 including—

13 (i) the number of members who have  
14 been evacuated once or more during the  
15 Global War on Terrorism; and

16 (ii) for each number of members who  
17 have been evacuated twice, three times,  
18 four times, or more than four times, the  
19 number of such members who have been  
20 evacuated each such number of times.

21 (H) The number of such members whose  
22 enlistment or period of obligated service has  
23 been extended, or whose eligibility for retire-  
24 ment has been suspended, during the Global  
25 War on Terrorism under a provision of law

(commonly referred to as a “stop-loss authority”) authorizing the President to extend an enlistment or period of obligated service, or suspend eligibility for retirement, of a member of the Armed Forces in a time of war or national emergency declared by Congress or the President, including—

(i) the number of such members who have been subject to the exercise of such authority; and

(ii) for each number of times being subject to the exercise of such authority, the number of such members who have been so subject to such authority each such number of times.

(I) The number of such members who have been discharged or released from the Armed Forces, including, for each category of condition of discharge, the number of members discharged under such category.

(3) INFORMATION ON ADMINISTRATION OF ARMED FORCES.—Aggregated information on the administration of the Armed Forces participating in of the Global War on Terrorism, including information on the following:

1           (A) The number of members of the reserve  
2 components of the Armed Forces called or or-  
3 dered to active duty for service in the Global  
4 War on Terrorism, including—

5           (i) the number of members of the Na-  
6 tional Guard and the number of Reserves  
7 so ordered;

8           (ii) for each number of times of being  
9 so called or ordered to active duty, the  
10 number of such members who have been so  
11 called or order to active duty each such  
12 number of times; and

13          (iii) the average number times being  
14 so called or ordered to active duty among  
15 all members of the National Guard and  
16 Reserve who have been so called or ordered  
17 to active duty.

18          (B) The number of members of the Armed  
19 Forces who have been subject to medical evacu-  
20 ation once or more in the Global War on Ter-  
21 rorism.

22          (C) The number of Purple Hearts awarded  
23 to members of the Armed Forces in the Global  
24 War on Terrorism.



1           (D) The number of Global War on Ter-  
2           rorism Expeditionary Medals awarded to mem-  
3           bers of the Armed Forces.

4           (E) The number of anthrax vaccinations  
5           performed on members of the Armed Forces for  
6           purposes of the Global War on Terrorism, stat-  
7           ed for both of the periods covered by such re-  
8           port.

9           (F) The number of doses of the medication  
10          Larium issued to members of the Armed Forces  
11          for purposes of the Global War on Terrorism,  
12          stated for both of the period covered by such re-  
13          port.

14          (G) The number of members of the Armed  
15          Forces whose enlistment or period of obligated  
16          service has been extended, or whose eligibility  
17          for retirement has been suspended, for purposes  
18          of the Global War on Terrorism under a provi-  
19          sion of law (commonly referred to as a “stop-  
20          loss authority”) authorizing the President to ex-  
21          tend an enlistment or period of obligated serv-  
22          ice, or suspend eligibility for retirement, of a  
23          member of the Armed Forces in a time of war  
24          or national emergency declared by Congress or  
25          the President.

1           (H) The number of members of the Armed  
2           Forces participating in the Global War on Ter-  
3           rorism who have been discharged or released  
4           from the Armed Forces, including—

5                 (i) the military status of such mem-  
6                 bers at the time of discharge or release;  
7                 and

8                 (ii) the nature of such discharge or re-  
9                 lease, including less than honorable dis-  
10                charge for drug abuse, alcohol abuse, do-  
11                mestic violence, discipline problems, and  
12                other war-related reintegration problems.

13           (I) The number of members of the Armed  
14           Forces described in subparagraph (H) who have  
15           had their discharge upgraded, set forth by de-  
16           ployment status in the Global War on Ter-  
17           rorism and by nature of discharge upon dis-  
18           charge.

19       (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20           (1) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—  
21       The term “congressional defense committees”  
22       means—

23                 (A) the Committees on Armed Services  
24                 and Appropriations of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committees on Armed Services  
2 and Appropriations of the House of Representa-  
3 tives.

4 (2) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.—The term  
5 “Global War on Terrorism” has the meaning given  
6 that term in section 101(34) of title 38, United  
7 States Code (as added by section 201(a)).

8 (3) MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES PARTICI-  
9 PATING IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.—The  
10 term “member of the Armed Forces participating in  
11 the Global War on Terrorism” means a member of  
12 the Armed Forces who served on active duty in the  
13 Global War on Terrorism at a location specified in  
14 section 201(b).

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