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# H. R. 5170

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2010

Mr. HOLT (for himself, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BARTLETT, and Mr. HIMES) 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 “Sergeant Coleman S.  
5       Bean Individual Ready Reserve Suicide Prevention Act of  
6       2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUICIDE AMONG MEMBERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL**  
2 **READY RESERVE AND INDIVIDUAL MOBILIZA-**  
3 **TION AUGMENTEES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that a veteran who  
5 is a member of the Individual Ready Reserve (or who is  
6 an individual mobilization augmentee) and is not assigned  
7 to a unit that musters regularly and has an established  
8 support structure is less likely to be helped by existing  
9 suicide prevention programs carried out by the Secretary  
10 of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

11 (b) IN GENERAL.—

12 (1) SUICIDE PREVENTION.—Chapter 55 of title  
13 10, United States Code, is amended by adding after  
14 section 1074l the following new section:

15 **“§ 1074m. Suicide prevention for members of the In-**  
16 **dividual Ready Reserve and individual**  
17 **mobilization augmentees**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
19 ensure that each covered member receives a telephone call  
20 described in subsection (b) not less than once every 90  
21 days during the period in which—

22 “(1) the covered member is a member of the In-  
23 dividual Ready Reserve; or

24 “(2) the Secretary determines that the covered  
25 member is an individual mobilization augmentee.

1       “(b) COUNSELING CALL.—A telephone call described  
2 in this subsection is a call from properly trained personnel  
3 to determine the emotional, psychological, medical, and ca-  
4 reer needs and concerns of the covered member.

5       “(c) REFERRAL.—(1) The personnel making a tele-  
6 phone call described in subsection (b) shall refer a covered  
7 member identified as being at-risk of self-caused harm to  
8 the nearest military medical treatment facility or accred-  
9 ited TRICARE provider for immediate evaluation and  
10 treatment by a qualified mental health care provider.

11       “(2) If a covered member is referred under paragraph  
12 (1), the Secretary shall confirm that the member has re-  
13 ceived the evaluation and any necessary treatment.

14       “(d) REPORTS.—Not later than January 31 of each  
15 year, beginning in 2011, the Secretary shall submit to  
16 Congress a report on the number of covered members who  
17 have been referred for counseling or mental health treat-  
18 ment under this section, as well as the health and career  
19 status of such members.

20       “(e) COVERED MEMBER DEFINED.—In this section,  
21 the term ‘covered member’ means—

22               “(1) a member of the Individual Ready Reserve  
23 described in section 10144(b) of this title who has  
24 deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq in support of a con-  
25 tingency operation; or

1           “(2) a member of a reserve component who the  
2       Secretary determines is an individual mobilization  
3       augmentee who has deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq  
4       in support of a contingency operation.”.

5           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
6       tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
7       by inserting after the item relating to section 1074l  
8       the following new item:

“1074m. Suicide prevention for members of the Individual Ready Reserve and  
individual mobilization augmentees.”.

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