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# H. R. 2403

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2011

Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. GIBSON) 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 “National Guard Out-  
5 reach Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL GUARD COUNSELING AND**  
2 **REINTEGRATION SERVICES.**

3 (a) ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of  
4 Defense may provide assistance to a State National Guard  
5 to support programs to provide pre- and post-deployment  
6 outreach, reintegration, and readjustment services to the  
7 following persons:

8 (1) Members of reserve components of the  
9 Armed Forces who reside in the State or are mem-  
10 bers of the State National Guard regardless of place  
11 of residence and who are ordered to active duty in  
12 support of a contingency operation.

13 (2) Members described in paragraph (1) upon  
14 their return from such active duty.

15 (3) Veterans (as defined in section 101(2) of  
16 title 38, United States Code).

17 (4) Dependents of persons described in para-  
18 graph (1), (2), or (3).

19 (b) ELEMENTS OF PROGRAMS.—Programs supported  
20 under subsection (a) shall use direct person-to-person out-  
21 reach and other relevant activities to ensure that eligible  
22 persons receive all the services and support available to  
23 them during pre-deployment, deployment, and reintegra-  
24 tion periods.

25 (c) MERIT-BASED OR COMPETITIVE DECISIONS.—A  
26 decision to commit, obligate, or expend funds with or to

1 a specific State National Guard under subsection (a)  
2 shall—

3 (1) be based on merit-based selection proce-  
4 dures in accordance with the requirements of sec-  
5 tions 2304(k) and 2374 of title 10, United States  
6 Code, or on competitive procedures; and

7 (2) comply with other applicable provisions of  
8 law.

9 (d) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
10 “State” means each of the several States, the Common-  
11 wealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam,  
12 and the Virgin Islands.

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