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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2012

Mr. TESTER 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Reservists Ac-
5 cess to Mental Health Services Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH READINESS**
2 **SERVICES TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SE-**
3 **LECTED RESERVE BASED ON NEED.**

4 (a) PROVISION AUTHORIZED.—Section 1074a(g) of
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
7 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph (2):

10 “(2) The Secretary concerned may also provide to
11 any member of the Selected Reserve not described in sub-
12 section (d)(1) or (f) care for behavioral health conditions
13 if the Secretary determines, based on such member’s most
14 recent medical exam or mental health assessment, that the
15 receipt of such care by such member will ensure that such
16 member meets applicable standards of medical readi-
17 ness.”.

18 (b) FUNDING.—Subject to applicable provisions of
19 appropriations Acts, amounts available to the Department
20 of Defense for Defense Health Program shall be available
21 for the provision of behavioral health services under sec-
22 tion 1074a(g) of title 10, United States Code (as amended
23 by subsection (a)).

24 (c) BUDGETING FOR HEALTH CARE.—In deter-
25 mining the amounts to be required for behavioral health
26 services for members of the Selected Reserve under section

1 1074a(g) of title 10, United States Code (as so amended),
2 for purposes of the budget of the President for fiscal years
3 after fiscal year 2011, as submitted to Congress pursuant
4 to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Assist-
5 ant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs shall consult
6 with appropriate officials having responsibility for the ad-
7 ministration of the reserve components of the Armed
8 Forces, including the Chief of the National Guard Bureau
9 with respect to the National Guard.

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