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H. R. 2076

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System of the Armed Forces and to submit to Congress a report on such system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2013

Mr. KLINE (for himself, Mr. WALZ, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. PETERSON, and Mr. ELLISON) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Servicemember Med-
5 ical Evaluations Review Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF INTEGRATED DISABILITY EVALUATION**
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 (a) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Defense shall con-
4 duct a review of the backlog of pending cases in the Inte-
5 grated Disability Evaluation System.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
8 to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of
9 Representatives and the Senate a report on the review
10 under subsection (a). Such report shall include the fol-
11 lowing:

12 (1) The number of pending cases that exist as
13 of the date of the report, listed by military depart-
14 ment, component, and, with respect to the National
15 Guard, State.

16 (2) As of the date of the report, the average
17 time it takes to process a case in the Integrated Dis-
18 ability Evaluation System.

19 (3) A description of the steps the Secretary will
20 take to resolve the backlog of cases in the Integrated
21 Disability Evaluation System.

22 (4) With respect to each military department,
23 the date by which the Secretary plans to resolve
24 such backlog.

25 (5) The progress and estimated cost of moving
26 the Integrated Disability Evaluation System to an

1 integrated and readily accessible electronic format
2 that a member of the Armed Forces may access and
3 see the status of the member during each phase of
4 the system.

5 (6) An assessment by the Secretary of the feasi-
6 bility of improving in-transit visibility of pending
7 cases, including by establishing a method of tracking
8 a pending case when a military treatment facility is
9 assigned a packet and pending case for action of a
10 member.

11 (c) PENDING CASE DEFINED.—In this section, the
12 term “pending case” means a case where a member of
13 the Armed Forces who, as of the date of the review under
14 subsection (a), is within the Integrated Disability Evalua-
15 tion System and has been referred to a medical evaluation
16 board.

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