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1ST SESSION

S. 1820

To provide for the retention and service of transgender members of the
Armed Forces.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED)
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To provide for the retention and service of transgender
members of the Armed Forces.

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. RETENTION AND SERVICE OF TRANSGENDER**

4 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that individuals who are qualified and can meet the
7 standards to serve in the military should be eligible to
8 serve.

9 (b) CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING TO CURRENTLY
10 SERVING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—A cur-

1 rently serving member of the Armed Forces may not be
2 involuntarily separated from the Armed Forces, or denied
3 reenlistment or continuation in service in the Armed
4 Forces, solely on the basis of the member's gender iden-
5 tity. Nothing in this subsection relieves a member from
6 meeting applicable military and medical standards, includ-
7 ing deployability, or requires retention of the member in
8 service if the member fails to meet such standards.

9 (c) REVIEW OF ACCESSION OF TRANSGENDER INDIV-
10 IDUALS INTO THE ARMED FORCES.—

11 (1) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF REVIEW.—

12 The Secretary of Defense shall complete the review
13 of policy on the accession of transgender individuals
14 into the Armed Forces announced by the Secretary
15 on June 30, 2017, by not later than December 31,
16 2017.

17 (2) REPORT.—Not later than February 21,
18 2018, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a com-
19 prehensive report on the results of the review of pol-
20 icy described in paragraph (1).

