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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Helping Expand and  
3 Launch Transitional Health for Women Veterans Act” or  
4 “HEALTH Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN WOMEN’S**

6                   **HEALTH TRANSITION TRAINING PILOT PRO-**  
7                   **GRAM.**

8       (a) DURATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
9 shall carry out the Women’s Health Transition Training  
10 pilot program (in this section referred to as the “pilot pro-  
11 gram”) until at least September 30, 2020.

12       (b) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2020,  
13 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans  
14 Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate congres-  
15 sional committees a report on the pilot program that in-  
16 cludes the following:

17               (1) For the period since the commencement of  
18 the pilot program—

19                   (A) the number of women members by  
20 military department (with respect to Depart-  
21 ment of the Navy, separately for the Navy and  
22 Marine Corps) who participated in the pilot  
23 program;

24                   (B) the number of courses held under the  
25 pilot program; and

1 (C) the locations at which such courses  
2 were held, and the number of seats available  
3 and the number of participants at each such lo-  
4 cation.

5 (2) With respect to the number of members  
6 who participated in the pilot program as specified  
7 under paragraph (1)—

8 (A) the number who enrolled in the health  
9 care system established under section 1705(a)  
10 of title 38, United States Code; and

11 (B) the number who attended at least one  
12 health care appointment at a medical facility of  
13 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

14 (3) Data relating to—

15 (A) satisfaction with courses held under  
16 the pilot program;

17 (B) improved awareness of health care  
18 services administered by the Secretary of Vet-  
19 erans Affairs; and

20 (C) any other available statistics regarding  
21 the pilot program.

22 (4) A discussion of regulatory, legal, or resource  
23 barriers to—

24 (A) making the pilot program permanent  
25 to enable access by a greater number of women

1 members at locations throughout the United  
2 States;

3 (B) offering the pilot program online for  
4 women members who are unable to attend  
5 courses held under the pilot program in person;  
6 and

7 (C) the feasibility of automatically enroll-  
8 ing pilot program participants in the health  
9 care system established under section 1705(a)  
10 of title 38, United States Code.

11 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
13 sional committees” means the Committees on Veterans’  
14 Affairs and the Committees on Armed Services of the  
15 House of Representatives and the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives July 23, 2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*