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To require the Comptroller General of the United States to assess the quality and nutrition of food available at military installations for members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) 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 Nutrition Im-
5 provement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPTROLLER GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF QUALITY**
2 **AND NUTRITION OF FOOD AVAILABLE AT**
3 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF**
4 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) ASSESSMENT.—The Comptroller General of the
6 United States shall conduct an assessment of the quality
7 and nutrition of food available at military installations for
8 members of the Armed Forces.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by sub-
10 section (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) A description of the extent to which data is
12 being collected on the nutritional food options avail-
13 able at military installations for members of the
14 Armed Forces, including the fat, sodium, and fiber
15 content of hot line foods.

16 (2) An assessment of the extent to which the
17 Department of Defense has evaluated whether the
18 nutritional food options described in paragraph (1)
19 meet or exceed the daily nutrition standards for
20 adults set forth by the Department of Agriculture.

21 (3) A description of how the Secretary inte-
22 grates and coordinates nutrition recommendations,
23 policies, and pertinent information through the
24 Interagency Committee on Human Nutrition Re-
25 search.

1 (4) An assessment of the extent to which the
2 Department of Defense has evaluated how such rec-
3 ommendations, policies, and information affect
4 health outcomes of members of the Armed Forces or
5 retention rates for those members who do not meet
6 physical standards set forth by the Department.

7 (5) A description of how the Secretary gathers
8 input on the quality of food service options provided
9 to members of the Armed Forces.

10 (6) An assessment of how the Department of
11 Defense tracks the attitudes and perceptions of
12 members of the Armed Forces on the quality of food
13 service operations at military installations in terms
14 of availability during irregular hours, accessibility,
15 portion, price, and quality.

16 (7) An assessment of access by members of the
17 Armed Forces to high-quality food options on mili-
18 tary installations, such as availability of food outside
19 typical meal times or options for members not lo-
20 cated in close proximity to dining facilities at a mili-
21 tary installation.

22 (8) Such recommendations as the Comptroller
23 General may have to address any findings related to
24 the quality and availability of food options provided

1 to members of the Armed Forces by the Department
2 of Defense.

3 (c) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—

4 (1) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
6 troller General shall brief the Committees on Armed
7 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
8 tives on the status of the assessment conducted
9 under subsection (a).

10 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
11 briefing under paragraph (1), the Comptroller Gen-
12 eral shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
13 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives
14 a report on the assessment conducted under sub-
15 section (a).

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