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H. R. 9547

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on firefighter rapid intervention team training and equipment at Department of Defense facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL 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 “Improving Military
5 Firefighter Safety Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON FIREFIGHTER RAPID INTERVENTION**
7 **TEAM TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT AT DE-**
8 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITIES.**

9 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct
10 a study of the training standards for firefighter rapid

1 intervention teams and the use of equipment by such
2 teams at Department of Defense facilities. Such study
3 shall include—

4 (1) an identification of such training standards
5 and equipment that, as of the date of the enactment
6 of this Act, are in use by such teams and the extent
7 to which such training and equipment is standard
8 across firefighter rapid intervention teams located at
9 different Department facilities;

10 (2) an identification of such training standards
11 and equipment that, as of the date of the enactment
12 of this Act, are in use by such teams at Department
13 naval and port facilities and a determination by the
14 Secretary of whether such training and equipment is
15 sufficient to prepare such teams for fires on the var-
16 ious ships that dock at such facilities; and

17 (3) a description of any incident that—

18 (A) occurred during the ten-year period
19 preceding the date of the enactment of this Act
20 in which a firefighter was injured or killed at
21 a Department facility; and

22 (B) the Secretary finds could have been
23 prevented if the firefighters involved had re-
24 ceived different training or equipment.

1 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Sep-
2 tember 30, 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
3 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
4 House of Representatives a report containing the results
5 of the study required under subsection (a).

6 (c) FIREFIGHTER RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM DE-
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “firefighter rapid inter-
8 vention team” means a designated firefighting crew that
9 serves as a stand-by rescue team at the scenes of fires
10 and other emergencies and is available for the immediate
11 search and rescue of missing, trapped, or injured fire-
12 fighters if required.

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