

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4479

To require training on the Constitution of the United States for commissioned officers of the Armed Forces.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2024

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. KAINE) 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 “Constitutional Orienta-
5 tion Military Mandate Amplifying National Duty Act of
6 2024” or the “COMMAND Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED TRAINING ON CONSTITUTION OF THE**
2 **UNITED STATES FOR COMMISSIONED OFFI-**
3 **CERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
6 that all newly commissioned officers of the Armed Forces
7 receive training on the Constitution of the United States
8 prior to reporting to their first operational assignment.

9 The training shall include—

10 (1) education on the centrality of the Constitu-
11 tion to the commitment officers make to serve in the
12 Armed Forces;

13 (2) emphasis on the loyalty of officers to the
14 Constitution; and

15 (3) instruction on certain aspects of the Con-
16 stitution relevant to military service, including—

17 (A) civil-military relations;

18 (B) separation of powers; and

19 (C) restrictions on the domestic use of
20 military force.

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