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H. R. 2711

To amend title 10, United States Code, to establish an annual training for students in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps regarding the prevention of sexual abuse.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 2023

Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. BROWN, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, and Ms. ESCOBAR) 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 “Shielding America’s
5 Youth From Exploitation Act” or the “SAYFE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL TRAINING ON THE PREVENTION OF SEX-**
2 **UAL ABUSE FOR STUDENTS IN THE JUNIOR**
3 **RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.**

4 Chapter 102 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“§ 2037. Training on prevention of sexual abuse**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense,
8 acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-
9 sonnel and Readiness, shall establish training for students
10 enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
11 regarding prevention of sexual abuse.

12 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The training established under
13 this section shall—

14 “(1) be age-appropriate;

15 “(2) be evidence-based in polyvictimization re-
16 search;

17 “(3) be comprehensive, including elements re-
18 garding—

19 “(A) grooming;

20 “(B) bullying, including cyberbullying;

21 “(C) appropriate relationships and inter-
22 actions between such students and instructors;

23 “(D) signs of inappropriate behavior be-
24 tween adults and adolescents; and

25 “(E) digital abuse; and

1 “(4) provide such students with the contact in-
2 formation of local resources through which a student
3 may report alleged sexual abuse or receive treatment
4 and support for such abuse.

5 “(c) PROVISION.—The Secretary shall ensure that
6 each such student receives training established under this
7 section—

8 “(1) from an entity other than an administrator
9 or instructor of the Junior Reserve Officers’ Train-
10 ing Corps; and

11 “(2) once each year.

12 “(d) METRICS.—The Secretary shall establish and
13 maintain metrics regarding the effectiveness of the train-
14 ing established under this section.

15 “(e) SEXUAL ABUSE DEFINED.—In this section, the
16 term ‘sexual abuse’ means an offense covered by section
17 920, 920b, 920c, or 930 of this title (article 120, 120b,
18 120c, or 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice).”.

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