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H. R. 7596

To direct the Secretaries of Defense and of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women’s health, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2024

Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Mrs. BICE, and Ms. CLARKE of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Servicewomen and Vet-
5 erans Menopause Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION OF CERTAIN RESEARCH RELATED TO**
2 **MENOPAUSE, PERIMENOPAUSE, OR MID-LIFE**
3 **WOMEN'S HEALTH.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
5 ordination with Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall evalu-
6 ate—

7 (1) the results of research, conducted by either
8 such Secretary, related to menopause,
9 perimenopause, or mid-life women's health that is
10 complete;

11 (2) the status of such research that is ongoing;
12 and

13 (3) any gaps in knowledge and research on—

14 (A) treatments for menopause-related
15 symptoms;

16 (B) the safety and effectiveness of treat-
17 ments for menopause-related symptoms;

18 (C) the relation to and impact of military
19 service to perimenopause and menopause;

20 (D) the effect of combat roles on
21 perimenopause and menopause-related symp-
22 toms, including exposure to burn pits, toxic
23 chemicals, and perfluoroalkyl and
24 polyfluoroalkyl substances (commonly known as
25 “PFAS”); and

1 (E) the impact perimenopause and meno-
2 pause has on the mental health of women who
3 are members of the Armed Forces or veterans.

4 (b) REPORT; STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than 180
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Sec-
6 retary shall submit to Congress—

7 (1) a report on the findings of such evaluation;

8 and

9 (2) a strategic plan that—

10 (A) resolves the gaps in knowledge and re-
11 search identified in such report; and

12 (B) identifies topics in need of further re-
13 search relating to potential treatments for
14 menopause-related symptoms of women who are
15 members of the Armed Forces or veterans.

16 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH RELATED TO MENOPAUSE,**
17 **PERIMENOPAUSE, OR MID-LIFE WOMEN'S**
18 **HEALTH.**

19 The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Sec-
20 retary of Veterans Affairs shall each conduct or fund re-
21 search related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life
22 health regarding women who are members of the Armed
23 Forces or veterans.

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