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# H. R. 2482

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2023

Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, and Ms. PETERSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. STUDY ON ACCESSABILITY OF MENTAL**  
4 **HEALTH PROVIDERS AND SERVICES FOR AC-**  
5 **TIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
6 **FORCES.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct  
8 a study on the accessibility of mental health care providers

1 and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on  
2 active duty, including an assessment of—

3 (1) the accessibility of mental health care pro-  
4 viders on military installations;

5 (2) the accessibility of inpatient services for  
6 mental health care for such members; and

7 (3) steps that may be taken to improve such ac-  
8 cessibility.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
11 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
12 House of Representatives and the Senate a report con-  
13 taining the findings of the study under subsection (a).

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