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H. R. 1679

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a comprehensive review of the health care services available for female members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2011

Ms. TSONGAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a comprehensive review of the health care services available for female members of the Armed Forces.

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 “Women’s Excellence
5 of Care and Accessibility Review and Evaluation Act” or
6 the “WE CARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF WOMEN-SPECIFIC HEALTH SERVICES**
2 **AND TREATMENT FOR FEMALE MEMBERS OF**
3 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) **COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.**—The Secretary of
5 Defense shall conduct a comprehensive review of—

6 (1) the availability, efficacy, and adequacy of
7 reproductive health care services available for female
8 members of the Armed Forces, including gynecolo-
9 gical services and breast and cervical cancer serv-
10 ices;

11 (2) the availability, efficacy, and adequacy of
12 primary and preventive health care services for
13 women (as defined in section 1074d(b) of title 10,
14 United States Code);

15 (3) the need for and availability of women-spe-
16 cific treatment for sexual harassment, sexual as-
17 sault, or sexual abuse; and

18 (4) the extent to which military medical treat-
19 ment facilities are following the policies of the De-
20 partment of Defense with respect to women-specific
21 health services.

22 (b) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—The review required by
23 subsection (a) shall include an assessment of the following:

24 (1) The need for women-specific health out-
25 reach, prevention, and treatment services for female
26 members of the Armed Forces.

1 (2) The access to and efficacy of existing
2 women-specific mental health outreach, prevention,
3 and treatment services and programs (including sub-
4 stance abuse programs).

5 (3) The availability of women-specific services
6 and treatment for female members of the Armed
7 Forces who experience sexual harassment, sexual as-
8 sault, or sexual abuse.

9 (4) The access to and need for military medical
10 treatment facilities focusing on the women-specific
11 health care needs of female members of the Armed
12 Forces.

13 (5) The need for further clinical research on the
14 women-specific health care needs of female members
15 of the Armed Forces who served in a combat zone.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
18 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
19 port on the review required by subsection (a).

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