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S. 243

To enhance and improve the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program of the Department of Defense.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To enhance and improve the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program of the Department of Defense.

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 “Citizen Soldier Support
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF YELLOW**
7 **RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) INCLUSION OF PROGRAMS OF OUTREACH IN PRO-
9 GRAM.—Subsection (b) of section 582 of the National De-
10 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (10 U.S.C.

1 10101 note) is amended by inserting “(including programs
2 of outreach)” after “informational events and activities”.

3 (b) RESTATEMENT OF FUNCTIONS OF CENTER FOR
4 EXCELLENCE IN REINTEGRATION AND INCLUSION IN
5 FUNCTIONS OF IDENTIFICATION OF BEST PRACTICES IN
6 PROGRAMS OF OUTREACH.—Subsection (d)(2) of such
7 section, as amended by section 583(b) of the Ike Skelton
8 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
9 (Public Law 111–383), is further amended by striking the
10 second, third, and fourth sentences and inserting the fol-
11 lowing: “The Center shall have the following functions:

12 “(A) To collect and analyze ‘lessons
13 learned’ and suggestions from State National
14 Guard and Reserve organizations with existing
15 or developing reintegration programs.

16 “(B) To assist in developing training aids
17 and briefing materials and training representa-
18 tives from State National Guard and Reserve
19 organizations.

20 “(C) To develop and implement a process
21 for evaluating the effectiveness of the Yellow
22 Ribbon Reintegration Program in supporting
23 the health and well-being of members of the
24 Armed Forces and their families throughout the
25 deployment cycle described in subsection (g).

1 “(D) To develop and implement a process
2 for identifying best practices in the delivery of
3 information and services in programs of out-
4 reach as described in subsection (j).”.

5 (c) STATE-LED PROGRAMS OF OUTREACH.—Such
6 section 582 is further amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(j) STATE-LED PROGRAMS OF OUTREACH.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office for Reintegra-
10 tion Programs may work with the States, whether
11 acting through or in coordination with their Na-
12 tional Guard and Reserve organizations, to assist
13 the States and such organizations in developing and
14 carrying out programs of outreach for members of
15 the Armed Forces and their families to inform and
16 educate them on the assistance and services avail-
17 able to them under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration
18 Program, including the assistance and services de-
19 scribed in subsection (h).

20 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—From funds
21 available for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Pro-
22 gram, the Office for Reintegration Programs may
23 provide funds to a State, or a State National Guard
24 and Reserve organization, for the costs of the dis-
25 charge and enhancement of a program of outreach

1 carried out by such State or organization that has
2 been identified by the Center for Excellence in Re-
3 integration under subsection (d)(2)(D) as utilizing
4 best practices in the delivery of information and
5 services.”.

6 (d) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES UNDER PROGRAMS OF
7 OUTREACH.—Such section 582 is further amended by
8 adding at the end the following new subsection:

9 “(k) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES UNDER PROGRAMS OF
10 OUTREACH.—For purposes of this section, the activities
11 and services provided under programs of outreach may in-
12 clude personalized and substantive care coordination serv-
13 ices targeted specifically to individual members of the
14 Armed Forces and their families.”.

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