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[Report No. 114-592, Part I]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2015

Mr. BENISHEK (for himself, Mr. HONDA, and Ms. ESTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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Reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

MAY 24, 2016

The Committee on Armed Services discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 14, 2015]

A BILL

To establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

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 “Toxic Exposure Research*
5 *Act of 2016”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *ARMED FORCE.*—*The term “Armed Force”*
9 *means the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps,*
10 *Air Force, or Coast Guard, including the reserve com-*
11 *ponents thereof.*

12 (2) *DESCENDANT.*—*The term “descendant”*
13 *means, with respect to an individual, the biological*
14 *child or grandchild of that individual.*

15 (3) *EXPOSED.*—*The term “exposed” means, with*
16 *respect to a toxic substance, that an individual came*
17 *into contact with that toxic substance in a manner*
18 *that could be hazardous to the health of that indi-*
19 *vidual, that may include if that toxic substance was*
20 *inhaled, ingested, or touched the skin or eyes.*

21 (4) *EXPOSURE.*—*The term “exposure” means,*
22 *with respect to a toxic substance, an event during*
23 *which an individual was exposed to that toxic sub-*
24 *stance.*

1 (5) *TOXIC SUBSTANCE.*—*The term “toxic sub-*
2 *stance” means any substance determined by the Ad-*
3 *ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency*
4 *to be harmful to the environment or hazardous to the*
5 *health of an individual if inhaled or ingested by or*
6 *absorbed through the skin of that individual.*

7 (6) *VETERAN.*—*The term “veteran” has the*
8 *meaning given that term in section 101 of title 38,*
9 *United States Code.*

10 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON THE DIAG-**
11 **NOSIS AND TREATMENT OF HEALTH CONDI-**
12 **TIONS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF INDIVID-**
13 **UALS EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES DUR-**
14 **ING SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES THAT**
15 **ARE RELATED TO SUCH SERVICE.**

16 (a) *NATIONAL CENTER.*—

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than one year after*
18 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
19 *Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Advi-*
20 *sory Board established under section 4, select a med-*
21 *ical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs to*
22 *serve as the national center for research on the diag-*
23 *nosis and treatment of health conditions of descend-*
24 *ants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while*
25 *serving as members of the Armed Forces that are re-*

1 *lated to such exposure (in this Act referred to as the*
2 *“National Center”).*

3 (2) *CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.—*

4 (A) *IN GENERAL.—The National Center*
5 *shall be selected under paragraph (1) from*
6 *among medical centers of the Department with*
7 *expertise described in subparagraph (B), or that*
8 *are affiliated with research medical centers or*
9 *teaching hospitals with such expertise, that seek*
10 *to be selected under this section.*

11 (B) *EXPERTISE DESCRIBED.—The expertise*
12 *described in this subparagraph is—*

13 (i) *expertise in diagnosing and treat-*
14 *ing functional and structural birth defects;*
15 *or*

16 (ii) *expertise in caring for individuals*
17 *exposed to toxic substances and diagnosing*
18 *and treating any health conditions resulting*
19 *from such exposure.*

20 (C) *PREFERENCE.—Preference for selection*
21 *under paragraph (1) shall be given to medical*
22 *centers of the Department with expertise de-*
23 *scribed in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph*
24 *(B), or that are affiliated with research medical*
25 *centers or teaching hospitals with such expertise.*

1 **(b) RESEARCH.**—

2 **(1) IN GENERAL.**—*The National Center shall*
3 *conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of*
4 *health conditions of descendants of individuals ex-*
5 *posed to toxic substances while serving as members of*
6 *the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure.*

7 **(2) STUDIES.**—*In conducting research under*
8 *paragraph (1), the National Center shall study indi-*
9 *viduals, at the election of the individual, for whom*
10 *the Secretary has made one of the following deter-*
11 *minations:*

12 **(A)(i)** *The individual is a descendant of an*
13 *individual who served as a member of the Armed*
14 *Forces;*

15 **(ii)** *such member was exposed to a toxic*
16 *substance while serving as a member of the*
17 *Armed Forces; and*

18 **(iii)** *such descendant is afflicted with a*
19 *health condition that is related to the exposure of*
20 *such member to such toxic substance.*

21 **(B)(i)** *The individual was exposed to a*
22 *toxic substance while serving as a member of the*
23 *Armed Forces; and*

1 (ii) *such individual is afflicted with a*
2 *health condition that is related to the exposure of*
3 *such individual to such toxic substance.*

4 (3) *USE OF RECORDS.—*

5 (A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense*
6 *or the head of a Federal agency shall make*
7 *available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for*
8 *review records held by the Department of De-*
9 *fense, an Armed Force, or that Federal agency,*
10 *as appropriate, that might assist the Secretary of*
11 *Veterans Affairs in making the determinations*
12 *required by paragraph (2).*

13 (B) *MECHANISM.—The Secretary of Vet-*
14 *erans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense or the*
15 *head of the appropriate Federal agency shall*
16 *jointly establish a mechanism for the availability*
17 *and review of records by the Secretary of Vet-*
18 *erans Affairs under subparagraph (A).*

19 (c) *SOCIAL WORKERS.—The National Center shall em-*
20 *ploy not less than one licensed clinical social worker to co-*
21 *ordinate access of individuals to appropriate Federal,*
22 *State, and local social and healthcare programs and to han-*
23 *dle case management.*

24 (d) *REIMBURSEMENT FOR NECESSARY TRAVEL AND*
25 *ROOM AND BOARD.—The National Center shall reimburse*

1 *any individual participating in a study pursuant to sub-*
2 *section (b), and any parent, guardian, spouse, or sibling*
3 *who accompanies such individual, for the reasonable cost*
4 *of—*

5 (1) *travel to the National Center for participa-*
6 *tion in such study; and*

7 (2) *room and board during the period in which*
8 *such individual is participating in such study at the*
9 *National Center.*

10 *(e) REPORTS.—*

11 (1) *ANNUAL REPORT.—*

12 (A) *IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than*
13 *annually, the National Center shall submit to*
14 *Congress and the Advisory Board established*
15 *under section 4 a report on the functions of the*
16 *National Center during the year preceding the*
17 *submittal of the report that includes a summary*
18 *of the research efforts of the National Center that*
19 *have been completed during such year and that*
20 *are ongoing as of the date of the submittal of the*
21 *report.*

22 (B) *UPON REQUEST.—Upon the request of*
23 *any organization exempt from taxation under*
24 *section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code*
25 *of 1986, the National Center shall submit a copy*

1 of a report submitted under subparagraph (A) to
2 such organization.

3 (2) *QUARTERLY REPORT TO ADVISORY BOARD.*—

4 *Not less frequently than quarterly, the National Cen-*
5 *ter shall submit to the Advisory Board a report on the*
6 *functions of the National Center during the quarter*
7 *preceding the submittal of the report that includes the*
8 *following:*

9 (A) *A summary of the research efforts of the*
10 *National Center during such quarter.*

11 (B) *A description of any determinations*
12 *made by the National Center pursuant to such*
13 *research efforts regarding whether health condi-*
14 *tions of descendants of individuals exposed to*
15 *toxic substances while serving as members of the*
16 *Armed Forces are related to that exposure.*

17 **SEC. 4. ADVISORY BOARD.**

18 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*Not later than 180 days after*
19 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-*
20 *erans Affairs shall establish an advisory board (in this sec-*
21 *tion referred to as the “Advisory Board”) to oversee and*
22 *assess the National Center established under section 3 and*
23 *to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to*
24 *the work of the National Center.*

25 (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—

1 (1) *COMPOSITION.*—*Not later than 120 days*
2 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*
3 *retary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the*
4 *Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Direc-*
5 *tor of the National Institute of Environmental Health*
6 *Sciences, and other heads of Federal agencies as the*
7 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines appro-*
8 *priate—*

9 *(A) shall select not less than 13 voting*
10 *members of the Advisory Board, of whom—*

11 *(i) not less than three shall be members*
12 *of organizations exempt from taxation*
13 *under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal*
14 *Revenue Code of 1986;*

15 *(ii) not less than one shall be—*

16 *(I) a descendant of an individual*
17 *who was exposed to toxic substances*
18 *while serving as a member of the*
19 *Armed Forces and the descendant has*
20 *manifested a structural or functional*
21 *birth defect or a health condition that*
22 *is related to the exposure of such indi-*
23 *vidual to such toxic substance; or*

24 *(II) a parent or child of that de-*
25 *scendant;*

1 *(iii) not less than six shall be health*
2 *professionals, scientists, or academics who*
3 *are not employees of the Federal Govern-*
4 *ment and have expertise in—*

5 *(I) birth defects;*

6 *(II) developmental disabilities;*

7 *(III) epigenetics;*

8 *(IV) public health;*

9 *(V) the science of environmental*
10 *exposure or environmental exposure as-*
11 *essment;*

12 *(VI) the science of toxic sub-*
13 *stances; or*

14 *(VII) medical and research ethics;*

15 *and*

16 *(iv) additional members may be se-*
17 *lected from among social workers and advo-*
18 *cates for veterans or members of the Armed*
19 *Forces who are not employees of the Federal*
20 *Government; and*

21 *(B) may select nonvoting members from*
22 *among individuals described in clause (iii) or*
23 *(iv) of subparagraph (A) who are employees of*
24 *the Federal Government.*

1 (2) *CHAIRPERSON.*—*The Secretary shall select a*
2 *Chairperson from among the members of the Advisory*
3 *Board.*

4 (3) *TERMS.*—

5 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Each member of the Ad-*
6 *visory Board shall serve a term of two or three*
7 *years as determined by the Secretary.*

8 (B) *REAPPOINTMENT.*—*At the end of the*
9 *term of a member of the Advisory Board, the*
10 *Secretary may reselect the member for another*
11 *term, except that no member may serve more*
12 *than four consecutive terms.*

13 (c) *DUTIES.*—*The Advisory Board shall—*

14 (1) *oversee and assess the work of the National*
15 *Center;*

16 (2) *not less frequently than quarterly, meet with*
17 *the director or another representative of the National*
18 *Center on the work conducted at the National Center,*
19 *including the research efforts of the National Center;*

20 (3) *review the annual report submitted by the*
21 *National Center to Congress and the Advisory Board*
22 *under section 3(e)(1); and*

23 (4) *advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on—*

24 (A) *issues related to the research conducted*
25 *at the National Center;*

1 (B) health conditions of descendants of indi-
2 viduals exposed to toxic substances while serving
3 as members of the Armed Forces that are related
4 to the exposure of such individual to such toxic
5 substance;

6 (C) health care services that are needed by
7 the descendants of individuals exposed to toxic
8 substances while serving as members of the
9 Armed Forces for health conditions that are re-
10 lated to the exposure of such individual to such
11 toxic substance; and

12 (D) any determinations or recommenda-
13 tions that the Advisory Board may have with re-
14 spect to the feasibility and advisability of the
15 Department providing health care services de-
16 scribed in subparagraph (C) to descendants de-
17 scribed in such subparagraph, including a de-
18 scription of changes to existing policy.

19 (d) REPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after
21 the establishment of the Advisory Board under sub-
22 section (a), and not less frequently than once each
23 year thereafter, the Advisory Board shall submit to
24 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate, the
25 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-

1 *representatives, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a*
2 *report on the recommendations of the Advisory Board.*

3 (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each report submitted under*
4 *paragraph (1) shall include recommendations for ad-*
5 *ministrative or legislative action, including rec-*
6 *ommendations for further research by the National*
7 *Center, with respect to each health condition of a de-*
8 *scendant of an individual exposed to a toxic substance*
9 *while serving as a member of the Armed Forces for*
10 *which the National Center has made one of the fol-*
11 *lowing determinations in conducting research under*
12 *section 3(b):*

13 (A) *The health condition is related to the*
14 *exposure of such individual to such toxic sub-*
15 *stance.*

16 (B) *It is unclear whether the health condi-*
17 *tion is related to the exposure of such individual*
18 *to such toxic substance.*

19 (C) *The health condition is not related to*
20 *the exposure of such individual to such toxic sub-*
21 *stance.*

22 (e) *MEETINGS.*—*The Advisory Board shall meet at the*
23 *call of the Chair, but not less frequently than quarterly.*

24 (f) *COMPENSATION.*—*The members of the Advisory*
25 *Board shall serve without compensation.*

1 (g) *EXPENSES.*—*The Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
2 *shall determine the appropriate expenses of the Advisory*
3 *Board.*

4 (h) *PERSONNEL.*—

5 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Chairperson may, with-*
6 *out regard to the civil service laws and regulations,*
7 *appoint an executive director of the Advisory Board,*
8 *who shall be a civilian employee of the Department*
9 *of Veterans Affairs, and such other personnel as may*
10 *be necessary to enable the Advisory Board to perform*
11 *its duties.*

12 (2) *APPROVAL.*—*The appointment of an execu-*
13 *tive director under paragraph (1) shall be subject to*
14 *approval by the Advisory Board.*

15 (3) *COMPENSATION.*—*The Chairperson may fix*
16 *the compensation of the executive director and other*
17 *personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter*
18 *51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United*
19 *States Code, except that the rate of pay for the execu-*
20 *tive director and other personnel may not exceed the*
21 *rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule*
22 *under section 5316 of such title.*

1 **SEC. 5. DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW BY DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **DEFENSE OF CERTAIN INCIDENTS OF EXPO-**
3 **SURE OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
4 **TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES.**

5 (a) *REVIEW.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall conduct*
6 *a declassification review to determine what information*
7 *may be made publicly available relating to any known inci-*
8 *dent in which not less than 100 members of the Armed*
9 *Forces were exposed to a toxic substance that resulted in*
10 *at least one case of a disability that a specialist in the field*
11 *of occupational medicine has determined to be credibly asso-*
12 *ciated with that toxic substance.*

13 (b) *RELEASE OF DECLASSIFIED INFORMATION.*—*To*
14 *the extent practicable, and subject to subsection (c) and con-*
15 *sistent with national security, the Secretary of Defense shall*
16 *make publicly available information declassified following*
17 *the review required by subsection (a).*

18 (c) *LIMITATION.*—*Information made publicly avail-*
19 *able pursuant to subsection (b) shall be limited to informa-*
20 *tion necessary for an individual who was potentially ex-*
21 *posed to a toxic substance to determine the following:*

22 (1) *Whether that individual was exposed to that*
23 *toxic substance.*

24 (2) *The potential severity of the exposure of that*
25 *individual to that toxic substance.*

1 (3) *Any potential health conditions that may*
2 *have resulted from exposure to that toxic substance.*

3 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL OUTREACH CAMPAIGN ON POTENTIAL**
4 **LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE**
5 **TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES BY MEMBERS OF THE**
6 **ARMED FORCES AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
8 *shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and*
9 *Human Services and the Secretary of Defense, conduct a*
10 *national outreach and education campaign directed toward*
11 *members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their family*
12 *members to communicate the following information:*

13 (1) *Information on—*

14 (A) *incidents of exposure of members of the*
15 *Armed Forces to toxic substances;*

16 (B) *health conditions resulting from such*
17 *exposure; and*

18 (C) *the potential long-term effects of such*
19 *exposure on the individuals exposed to those sub-*
20 *stances and the descendants of those individuals.*

21 (2) *Information on the National Center estab-*
22 *lished under section 3 for individuals eligible to par-*
23 *ticipate in studies conducted at the National Center.*

24 (b) *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.*—*In car-*
25 *rying out this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

1 *shall design and implement the national outreach and edu-*
2 *cation campaign conducted under subsection (a), includ-*
3 *ing—*

4 (1) *by distributing printed materials containing*
5 *the information described in subsection (a) to vet-*
6 *erans;*

7 (2) *by publishing such information on an Inter-*
8 *net website of the Department of Veterans Affairs that*
9 *is available to the public;*

10 (3) *by presenting such information in person at*
11 *facilities that serve a large number of veterans or*
12 *members of the Armed Forces; and*

13 (4) *by educating employees of all medical facili-*
14 *ties of the Department with respect to such informa-*
15 *tion and providing such employees with printed ma-*
16 *terials containing such information.*

17 (c) *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—The Secretary of De-*
18 *fense shall assist the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in imple-*
19 *menting the national outreach and education campaign*
20 *conducted under subsection (a)—*

21 (1) *by making the information described in sub-*
22 *section (a) available to all members of the Armed*
23 *Forces and their families;*

24 (2) *by notifying all members of the Armed Forces*
25 *of such information; and*

1 (3) by publishing such information on an Inter-
2 net website of the Department of Defense that is avail-
3 able to the public.

4 (d) *DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV-*
5 *ICES.*—*The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall*
6 *assist the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in implementing the*
7 *national outreach and education campaign conducted*
8 *under subsection (a)—*

9 (1) by making the information described in sub-
10 section (a) available to members of the health care
11 profession;

12 (2) by notifying such members of such informa-
13 tion; and

14 (3) by publishing such information on an Inter-
15 net website of the Department of Health and Human
16 Services that is available to the public.

17 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 *No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated*
19 *to carry out this Act and this Act shall be carried out using*
20 *amounts otherwise made available for the purposes of this*
21 *Act.*

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