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To professionalize the position of Sexual Assault Response Coordinator in the military, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To professionalize the position of Sexual Assault Response Coordinator in the military, 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 “Professionalizing the
5 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR MILI-** 7 **TARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-

1 port on the optimal execution of a Sexual Assault Re-
2 sponse Coordinator (SARC) Military Occupational Spe-
3 cialty (MOS).

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
5 section (a) shall include the following elements:

6 (1) A recommendation on the required rank
7 and experience of a SARC MOS.

8 (2) Recommendations for strengthening recruit-
9 ment and retention of members of the Armed Forces
10 of the required rank and experience identified under
11 paragraph (1), including—

12 (A) designating SARC as a secondary
13 MOS instead of a primary MOS;

14 (B) providing initial or recurrent bonuses
15 or duty stations of choice to service members
16 who qualify for the SARC MOS;

17 (C) limiting the amount of time that a
18 service member who has qualified for the SARC
19 MOS can serve as a SARC in a given period of
20 time; or

21 (D) requiring evaluations for service mem-
22 bers who have qualified for the SARC MOS and
23 are serving as a SARC to be completed by an
24 officer of the rank of O–6 or higher.

1 (3) Recommendations for standardizing train-
2 ing and education for service members seeking a
3 SARC MOS or serving as a SARC, including by in-
4 stitutionalizing relevant academies for each of the
5 services.

6 (4) An analysis of the impact of a SARC MOS
7 on the talent management of the existing SARC pro-
8 gram, including recruitment and retention.

9 (5) An analysis of the requirements for a
10 SARC-specific chain of command.

11 (6) A plan to execute a SARC MOS within two
12 years.

13 (7) Analysis of the cost of a SARC MOS pro-
14 gram.

15 (8) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense
16 considers relevant for inclusion.

17 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
19 shall provide the congressional defense committees a brief-
20 ing on the report required under subsection (a).

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