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To improve certain sexual assault and domestic violence prevention policies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. ERNST, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting our
5 Servicemembers through Proven Methods Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL PRIMARY PREVENTION RESEARCH AGEN-**
7 **DA.**

8 Section 549A(c) of the National Defense Authoriza-
9 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) is
10 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and
2 (4) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively;

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraphs:

5 “(2) include a focus on whether and to what ex-
6 tent sub-populations of the military community may
7 be targeted for sexual assault, sexual harassment, or
8 domestic violence more than others;

9 “(3) seek to identify factors that influence the
10 prevention, perpetration, and victimization of sexual
11 assault, sexual harassment, and domestic violence;

12 “(4) seek to improve the collection and dissemi-
13 nation of data on hazing and bullying related to sex-
14 ual assault, sexual harassment, and domestic vio-
15 lence;”; and

16 (3) in paragraph (6), as redesignated by para-
17 graph (1) of this section, by amending the text to
18 read as follows:

19 “(6) incorporate collaboration with other Fed-
20 eral departments and agencies, including the De-
21 partment of Health and Human Services and the
22 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State
23 governments, academia, industry, federally funded
24 research and development centers, nonprofit organi-
25 zations, and other organizations outside of the De-

1 partment of Defense, including civilian institutions
 2 that conduct similar data-driven studies, collection,
 3 and analysis; and”.

4 **SEC. 3. PRIMARY PREVENTION WORKFORCE.**

5 Section 549B of the National Defense Authorization
 6 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) is amend-
 7 ed—

8 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
 9 following new paragraph:

10 “(3) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not
 11 later than one year after the date of the enactment
 12 of this paragraph, the Comptroller General of the
 13 United States shall submit to the congressional de-
 14 fense committees a report comparing the sexual har-
 15 assment and prevention training of the Department
 16 of Defense with similar programs at other Federal
 17 departments and agencies and including data col-
 18 lected by colleges and universities and other relevant
 19 outside entities.”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 21 section:

22 “(e) INCORPORATION OF RESEARCH AND FIND-
 23 INGS.—The Primary Prevention Workforce established
 24 under subsection (a) shall, on a regular basis, incorporate
 25 findings and conclusions from the primary prevention re-

- 1 search agenda established under section 549A, as appro-
- 2 priate, into the work of the workforce.”.

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