

116TH CONGRESS
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S. 1501

To modify the requirements for the longitudinal medical study of the Department of Defense on blast pressure exposure of members of the Armed Forces to assess the feasibility and advisability of uploading and sharing data, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2019

Ms. WARREN (for herself and Ms. ERNST) 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 “Blast Pressure Expo-
5 sure Study Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR LONGITU-**
2 **DINAL MEDICAL STUDY ON BLAST PRESSURE**
3 **EXPOSURE OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES.**

5 Section 734 of the National Defense Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat.
7 1444) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
10 and inserting a semicolon;

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
12 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(4) assess the feasibility and advisability of—

16 “(A) uploading the data gathered from the
17 study into the Defense Occupational and Envi-
18 ronmental Health Readiness System—Indus-
19 trial Hygiene (DOEHRS–IH) or similar sys-
20 tem; and

21 “(B) allowing personnel of the Department
22 of Defense and the Department of Veterans Af-
23 fairs to have access to such system.”; and

24 (2) in subsection (c)—

25 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
26 paragraph (3); and

1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
2 following new paragraph (2):

3 “(2) ANNUAL STATUS REPORT.—Not later than
4 January 1 of each year during the period beginning
5 on the date of the enactment of the National De-
6 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 and
7 ending on the completion of the study under sub-
8 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
9 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
10 House of Representatives a status report on the
11 study.”.

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