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# S. 1512

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2019

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Rural Servicemembers  
5 Support Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON INSTALLATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT**  
2 **OF DEFENSE THAT ARE DESIGNATED AS RE-**  
3 **MOTE OR ISOLATED.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the  
5 United States shall conduct a study on the designation  
6 by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the  
7 military departments of installations of the Department  
8 of Defense as “remote” or “isolated”.

9 (b) **ELEMENTS OF STUDY.**—The study conducted  
10 under subsection (a) shall—

11 (1) identify—

12 (A) the various definitions within the De-  
13 partment of Defense of remote and isolated in-  
14 stallations;

15 (B) who establishes those definitions; and

16 (C) the criteria to meet those definitions;

17 (2) assess the uses by the Department of the  
18 remote or isolated designation for an installation;

19 and

20 (3) review—

21 (A) the range of services available at re-  
22 mote installations;

23 (B) how those services differ between the  
24 military departments; and

1                   (C) the process used to determine whether  
2                   those services meet the needs of members of the  
3                   Armed Forces at those installations.

4           (c) REPORT.—Not later than January 30, 2020, the  
5 Comptroller General shall submit to Congress, at a min-  
6 imum, the initial findings for the study conducted under  
7 subsection (a).

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