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S. 4783

To require the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to carry out a pilot program on providing training to, validating, and deploying grief companions to facilitate bereavement care.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4, 2022

Mr. YOUNG 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 “Doug Zembiec Gold
5 Star Family Support Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON GRIEF COMPANIONS FOL-**
2 **LOWING CASUALTY NOTIFICATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Commencing not later than 90
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
5 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall
6 carry out a pilot program on providing training to, vali-
7 dating, and deploying grief companions to facilitate be-
8 reavement care provided by the Department of Defense
9 following casualty notifications with respect to members
10 of the Armed Forces.

11 (b) DURATION.—The Under Secretary of Defense for
12 Personnel and Readiness shall carry out the pilot program
13 required under subsection (a) for a period of not less than
14 one year.

15 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to the Under Secretary of
17 Defense for Personnel and Readiness \$250,000 to carry
18 out the pilot program required under subsection (a).

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