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To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study relating to obesity in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was 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. STUDIES AND REPORTS RELATING TO OBESITY**
4 **IN THE MILITARY.**

5 (a) IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSPARENCY AND FRE-
6 QUENCY OF MILITARY OBESITY REPORTS.—The Director
7 of the Defense Health Agency shall take such actions as
8 the Director considers appropriate to improve the trans-
9 parency and frequency of military obesity reports.

1 (b) STUDY AND REPORT ON CONTRIBUTION OF OBE-
2 SITY TO IN-SERVICE INJURIES AND MEDICAL DIS-
3 CHARGES.—

4 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
5 conduct a study on—

6 (A) the contribution of obesity to in-service
7 injuries and medical discharges; and

8 (B) annual costs to the Armed Forces as-
9 sociated with obesity-related in-service injuries
10 and medical discharges.

11 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
14 a report on the results of the study conducted under
15 paragraph (1).

16 (c) STUDY AND REPORT ON TRANSFORMATION OF
17 FOOD PROCUREMENT PROCESSES.—

18 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
19 conduct a study on how the Department of Defense
20 can transform the food procurement processes of the
21 Department to procure healthier food that promotes
22 better health outcomes.

23 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
25 shall submit to the congressional defense committees

1 a report on the results of the study conducted under
2 paragraph (1).

3 (d) STUDY AND REPORT ON ACCESS TO HEALTHY
4 FOODS.—

5 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
6 conduct a study on issues relating to access to
7 healthy foods for families of members of the Armed
8 Forces.

9 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
11 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
12 a report on the results of the study conducted under
13 paragraph (1).

14 (e) REPORT ON IMPACT OF OBESITY ON NATIONAL
15 SECURITY READINESS.—Not later than one year after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
18 port on the impact on national security readiness of the
19 rising levels of obesity among active-duty members of the
20 Armed Forces.

21 (f) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-
22 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense
23 committees” has the meaning given that term in section
24 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

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