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To amend title 10, United States Code, to require biennial assessments on the nutrition standards of the military departments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KHANNA 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. ASSESSMENTS AND PLAN FOR INCREASING AC-**
4 **CESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD ON MILITARY IN-**
5 **STALLATIONS.**

6 (a) ASSESSMENTS.—

7 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Chapter 23 of title 10,
8 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
9 section 488 the following new section:

1 **“§ 489. Biennial assessments on nutrition standards**
2 **of military departments**

3 “On a biennial basis, the Secretary of Defense
4 shall—

5 “(1) conduct an assessment of the nutrition
6 standards of each military department, including by
7 reviewing any nutrition program or related policy of
8 that military department, and the extent to which
9 such standards are reflected in the food options ac-
10 cessible to members of the Armed Forces at the
11 military installations of that military department;

12 “(2) submit a report containing the results of
13 such assessment to the Committees on Armed Serv-
14 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate;
15 and

16 “(3) publish such report on a publicly available
17 website of the Department of Defense.”.

18 (2) FIRST REPORT.—Not later than December
19 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
20 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of
21 Representatives and the Senate, and publish on a
22 publicly available website of the Department of De-
23 fense, the first report required under section 489 of
24 title 10, United States Code, as added by paragraph
25 (1).

26 (b) PLAN.—

1 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Read-
4 iness and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-
5 sition and Sustainment, in coordination with the As-
6 sistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Re-
7 serve Affairs and such other entities as the Sec-
8 retary of Defense determines appropriate, shall
9 jointly submit to the Committees on Armed Services
10 of the House of Representatives and the Senate and
11 publish on a publicly available website of the Depart-
12 ment of Defense a plan to increase access to nutri-
13 tious food on military installations, consistent with
14 recommendations included in the report of the Gov-
15 ernment Accountability Office titled “DOD Food
16 Program: Additional Actions Needed to Implement,
17 Oversee, and Evaluate Nutrition Efforts for Service
18 Members”, and dated June 24, 2024 (GAO–24–
19 106155).

20 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan under paragraph (1)
21 shall include a strategy developed by the Assistant
22 Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Af-
23 fairs for increasing nutritious menu options at
24 venues that are located on military installations,
25 offer food services to members of the Armed Forces,

1 and are not funded with appropriated amounts (re-
2 ferred to in the report specified in such paragraph
3 as “nonappropriated fund food venues”).

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