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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Veterans Transition
5 Support Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
2 **UNDER THE SOLID START PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6320(a) of title 38,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “members of
6 the Armed Forces who are transitioning to civilian
7 life and” after “needs of”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
10 (A)—

11 (i) by inserting “with the Department
12 of Defense” after “coordinate efforts”; and

13 (ii) by inserting “members of the
14 Armed Forces who are transitioning to ci-
15 vilian life and” after “to assist”;

16 (B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
17 “transitioning members and” after “reach out
18 to”; and

19 (C) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
20 “transitioning members and” after “to con-
21 nect”.

22 (b) ACTIVITIES OF THE SOLID START PROGRAM.—
23 Section 6320(b)(1) of such title is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “with pri-
25 ority for members between 120 and 210 days before

1 separation,” after “separating from the Armed
2 Forces,”;

3 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
4 through (H) as subparagraphs (E) through (K), re-
5 spectively; and

6 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
7 lowing new subparagraphs:

8 “(B) collecting suicide prevention policies,
9 points of contact, and referral protocols of the De-
10 partment of Defense to inform transitioning mem-
11 bers of the Armed Forces who are in crisis of such
12 resources;

13 “(C) calling each transitioning member of the
14 Armed Forces, regardless of separation type or char-
15 acterization of service, at least one time not earlier
16 than 210 days and not later than 120 days before
17 the separation of the member from the Armed
18 Forces—

19 “(i) to inform the member of the benefits
20 delivery at discharge program; and

21 “(ii) to provide contact information for a
22 local representative recognized under section
23 5902 or agent or attorney recognized under sec-
24 tion 5904 who may assist the member in com-

1 piling and filing the member's claim for dis-
2 ability compensation;

3 “(D) communicating with transitioning mem-
4 bers of the Armed Forces through other means if
5 calling each member as described in subparagraph
6 (C) has not resulted in contact before exceeding the
7 maximum number of call attempts as the Secretary
8 may specify;”;

9 (4) in subparagraph (G), as redesignated by
10 paragraph (2), by inserting “transitioning member’s
11 and” after “the needs of each”;

12 (5) in subparagraph (H), as redesignated by
13 paragraph (2), by inserting “transitioning members
14 of the Armed Forces and” after “prioritizing out-
15 reach to”; and

16 (6) in subparagraph (I), as redesignated by
17 paragraph (2), by inserting “transitioning women
18 members of the Armed Forces and” after “pro-
19 viding”.