

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WHITEHOUSE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Daniel J. Harvey, Jr.  
5       and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition  
6       to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE**  
2 **TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE**  
3 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE SOLID**  
4 **START PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
5 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DE-  
7 PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 1142(b) of title 10,  
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (5), by inserting “(11),” be-  
10 fore “and (16)”; and

11 (2) by striking paragraph (11) and inserting  
12 the following:

13 “(11) Information concerning mental health, in-  
14 cluding—

15 “(A) the availability of mental health serv-  
16 ices furnished by the Secretary concerned, the  
17 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans  
18 Affairs, or a non-profit entity;

19 “(B) the treatment of post-traumatic  
20 stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety  
21 disorders, depression, chronic pain, sleep dis-  
22 orders, suicidal ideation, or other mental health  
23 conditions associated with service in the armed  
24 forces;

25 “(C) the risk of suicide, including signs,  
26 symptoms, and risk factors (including adverse

1 childhood experiences, depression, bipolar dis-  
2 order, homelessness, unemployment, and rela-  
3 tionship strain);

4 “(D) the availability of treatment options  
5 and resources to address substance abuse, in-  
6 cluding alcohol, prescription drug, and opioid  
7 abuse;

8 “(E) the potential effects of the loss of  
9 community and support systems experienced by  
10 a member separating from the armed forces;

11 “(F) isolation from family, friends, or soci-  
12 ety; and

13 “(G) the potential stressors associated with  
14 separation from the armed forces.”.

15 (b) SOLID START PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT  
16 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 6320(b)(1) of title 38,  
17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and  
19 (H) as subparagraphs (I) and (J), respectively; and

20 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(G) assisting eligible veterans who elect to en-  
23 roll in the system of patient enrollment under sec-  
24 tion 1705(a) of this title;

1           “(H) educating veterans about mental health  
2           and counseling services available through the Vet-  
3           erans Health Administration;”.

4           (c) REPORT.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
6           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
7           retary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
8           fairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate congres-  
9           sional committees a report on the information and  
10          materials developed pursuant to the amendments  
11          made by this section.

12          (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
13          TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-  
14          propriate congressional committees” means—

15                (A) the Committee on Armed Services and  
16                the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Sen-  
17                ate; and

18                (B) the Committee on Armed Services and  
19                the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the  
20                House of Representatives.