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To require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on the prediction and prevention of musculoskeletal injuries in members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. SMITH) 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 “Military Readiness and
5 Injury Prevention Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON INJURY PREDICTION AND PRE-**
7 **VENTION TO ENHANCE COMBAT READINESS.**

8 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is—

1 (1) to increase deployment readiness and
2 lethality of members of the Armed Forces;

3 (2) to create a more deployable, resilient, and
4 sustainable combat force;

5 (3) to provide individualized, accurate assess-
6 ments with actionable metrics regarding the physical
7 condition of each member of the Armed Forces; and

8 (4) to determine the feasibility and advisability
9 of developing a customized fitness program for each
10 such member to minimize musculoskeletal injuries in
11 garrison and on deployment.

12 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
14 Defense shall carry out a pilot program to predict and pre-
15 vent musculoskeletal injuries in members of the Armed
16 Forces.

17 (c) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary shall carry out
18 the pilot program under this section at not fewer than five
19 military installations that serve as readiness training plat-
20 forms in order to evaluate different musculoskeletal injury
21 risk profiles and training interventions based on the par-
22 ticular requirements and tactical personnel needs of the
23 military departments.

1 (d) COMPONENTS.—In carrying out the pilot pro-
2 gram under this section, the Secretary shall do the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (1) Identify musculoskeletal injury risk for
5 members of the Armed Forces using integrated ob-
6 jective assessments in basic and advanced training
7 for such members.

8 (2) Generate automated reports and personal-
9 ized programs to educate members of the Armed
10 Forces on proper initiatives to minimize injury risk.

11 (3) Notify human performance and medical
12 staff of the Department when the musculoskeletal
13 injury risk of a member of the Armed Forces in-
14 creases.

15 (4) Provide monitoring of members of the
16 Armed Forces who are undergoing or have under-
17 gone assessments under paragraph (1) to track the
18 progress and readiness of such members.

19 (e) REPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days be-
21 fore the completion of the pilot program under this
22 section, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
23 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the
24 House of Representatives a report that describes the
25 conduct of the pilot program.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
2 graph (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A description of the pilot program, in-
4 cluding outcome measures to determine its ef-
5 fectiveness.

6 (B) A description of the ability of the pilot
7 program—

8 (i) to identify combat readiness and
9 risk for musculoskeletal injury of members
10 of the Armed Forces; and

11 (ii) to address risk reduction via per-
12 sonalized fitness programs.

13 (C) A description of the reduction in inju-
14 ries to members of the Armed Forces and any
15 associated cost savings as a result of the pilot
16 program.

17 (D) A description of the reduction in non-
18 deployability or early return from deployment of
19 members of the Armed Forces due to musculo-
20 skeletal injury as a result of the pilot program.

21 (f) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
22 pilot program under this section for a period of not more
23 than three years.

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