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To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out the Military Family Limb
Loss and Limb Difference Support Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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Family Limb Loss and Limb Difference Support Program.

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 Family Limb
5 Loss Support Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MILITARY FAMILY LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIF-**
7 **ERENCE SUPPORT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Beginning in fiscal year
9 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a program,
10 to be known as the “Military Family Limb Loss and Limb

1 Difference Support Program” (in this section referred to
2 as the “Program”), to augment the holistic rehabilitative
3 care for covered beneficiaries with limb loss or limb dys-
4 function through peer mentoring, education, and commu-
5 nity outreach.

6 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The Program shall include—

7 (1) peer mentorship and family support serv-
8 ices;

9 (2) education related to limb loss care and serv-
10 ices;

11 (3) community reintegration supports;

12 (4) coordination of nonclinical resources;

13 (5) outreach and awareness activities; and

14 (6) such other activities as the Secretary con-
15 sider appropriate.

16 (c) PARTNERSHIPS.—In carrying out the Program,
17 the Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement or
18 contract with one or more organizations that have dem-
19 onstrated experience in carrying out the activities de-
20 scribed in subsection (b) in virtual or in-person settings
21 to support individuals with limb loss or limb difference,
22 including individuals belonging to pediatric, military, or
23 veteran populations.

24 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
2 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a plan
3 for implementing the Program that—

4 (1) describes the process for selecting and en-
5 tering into cooperative agreements or contracts with
6 organizations under subsection (c);

7 (2) estimates the costs and staffing needs of
8 implementing the Program;

9 (3) assesses the extent to which existing re-
10 sources and programs of the Department of Defense
11 can support the Program;

12 (4) includes performance metrics the Secretary
13 will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program;
14 and

15 (5) requires integration of the Program with re-
16 search efforts of the military health system to im-
17 prove health care quality, access and outcomes for
18 members of the Armed Forces and their families.

19 (e) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
20 after the date on which the Program is implemented, and
21 annually for three years thereafter, the Secretary shall
22 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
23 ate and the House of Representatives a report that in-
24 cludes, for the year preceding submission of the report—

1 (1) the number and demographic characteristics
2 of covered beneficiaries served by the Program;

3 (2) a description of services provided and part-
4 nerships established under the Program;

5 (3) an assessment of gaps in services or geo-
6 graphic coverage of the Program; and

7 (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-
8 trative action to improve support for military fami-
9 lies affected by limb loss or limb difference.

10 (f) COVERED BENEFICIARY DEFINED.—In this sec-
11 tion, the term “covered beneficiary” means—

12 (1) an individual who has experienced limb loss
13 or limb difference; and

14 (2) is—

15 (A) a dependent of a member or retired
16 member of the Armed Forces; or

17 (B) otherwise eligible for health care under
18 chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, as
19 determined appropriate by the Secretary.

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