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To direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. CASIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

DECEMBER 2, 2025

Reported by Mr. MORAN, with amendments

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Servicewomen and Vet-
3 erans Menopause Research Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) COVERED PROVIDER.—The term “covered
7 provider” means a health care provider employed by
8 the Department of Defense or the Department of
9 Veterans Affairs.

10 (2) MENOPAUSE.—The term “menopause”
11 means the stage of a woman’s life—

12 (A) when menstrual periods stop perma-
13 nently and she can no longer get pregnant; and

14 (B) that is not a disease state, but a nor-
15 mal part of aging for women.

16 (3) MID-LIFE.—The term “mid-life” means a
17 life stage that—

18 (A) coincides with the menopausal transi-
19 tion in women, which may be physical or emo-
20 tional;

21 (B) encompasses the late reproductive age,
22 which can begin at approximately 35 years of
23 age, to the late postmenopausal stages of repro-
24 ductive aging, which can extend to approxi-
25 mately 65 years of age; and

1 (C) often marks the onset of many chronic
2 diseases.

3 (4) PERIMENOPAUSE.—The term
4 “perimenopause” means the time during a woman’s
5 life when levels of the hormone estrogen fall un-
6 evenly in a woman’s body and is also called the men-
7 opausal transition.

8 (5) POSTMENOPAUSAL.—The term “post-
9 menopausal” means the stage of a woman’s life after
10 a woman has been without a menstrual period for 12
11 months that lasts for the rest of a woman’s life and
12 reflects a time when women are at increased risk for
13 osteoporosis and heart disease.

14 **SEC. 3. EVALUATION OF CERTAIN RESEARCH RELATED TO**
15 **MENOPAUSE, PERIMENOPAUSE, OR MID-LIFE**
16 **WOMEN’S HEALTH.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
18 ordination with Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall evalu-
19 ate—

20 (1) the results of completed research related to
21 menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women’s
22 health among women who are members of the
23 ~~Armed Forces~~ *uniformed services* or veterans;

24 (2) the status of such research that is ongoing;

25 (3) any gaps in knowledge and research on—

1 (A) treatments for menopause-related
 2 symptoms, including hormone and non-hormone
 3 treatments;

4 (B) the safety and effectiveness of treat-
 5 ments for menopause-related symptoms;

6 (C) the relation of service in the ~~Armed~~
 7 ~~Forces~~ *uniformed services* to perimenopause and
 8 menopause and the impact of such service on
 9 perimenopause and menopause;

10 (D) the effect of combat roles on symp-
 11 toms relating to perimenopause and menopause,
 12 including exposure to burn pits, toxic chemicals,
 13 and perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl sub-
 14 stances (commonly known as “PFAS”); and

15 (E) the impact of perimenopause and
 16 menopause on the mental health of women who
 17 are members of the ~~Armed Forces~~ *uniformed*
 18 *services* or veterans;

19 (4) the availability of and uptake of professional
 20 training resources for covered providers relating to
 21 mid-life women’s health with respect to the care,
 22 treatment, and management of perimenopause and
 23 menopausal symptoms, and related support services;
 24 and

1 (5) the availability of and uptake of treatments
2 for women who are members of the ~~Armed Forces~~
3 *uniformed services* or veterans who are experiencing
4 perimenopause or menopause.

5 (b) REPORT; STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than 180
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
8 shall each submit to Congress a report containing—

9 (1) the findings of the evaluation conducted
10 under subsection (a);

11 (2) recommendations for improving professional
12 training resources described in subsection (a)(4) for
13 covered providers; and

14 (3) a strategic plan that—

15 (A) resolves the gaps in knowledge and re-
16 search identified in the report; and

17 (B) identifies topics in need of further re-
18 search relating to potential treatments for
19 menopause-related symptoms of women who are
20 members of the ~~Armed Forces~~ *uniformed serv-*
21 *ices* or veterans.

22 (c) NONDUPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF
23 EFFORTS.—In carrying out activities under this section,
24 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans
25 Affairs shall ensure that such activities minimize duplica-

1 tion and supplement, not supplant, existing information-
2 sharing efforts of the Department of Health and Human
3 Services.

4 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ADDITIONAL RESEARCH**
5 **RELATED TO MENOPAUSE, PERIMENOPAUSE,**
6 **OR MID-LIFE WOMEN'S HEALTH.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of De-
8 fense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should each
9 conduct research related to menopause, perimenopause, or
10 mid-life health regarding women who are members of the
11 ~~Armed Forces~~ *uniformed services* or veterans.

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