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S. 4871

To require a report and briefing on the impact of military sexual trauma and intimate partner violence on suicidal ideation and suicide for members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2026

Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Improving Personal
5 Risk Assessments to Prevent Suicide Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT AND BRIEFING ON IMPACT OF MILITARY**
2 **SEXUAL TRAUMA AND INTIMATE PARTNER**
3 **VIOLENCE ON SUICIDAL IDEATION AND SUI-**
4 **CIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
5 **AND VETERANS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
9 fense, shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services
10 of the Senate, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
11 Senate, the Committee on Armed Services of the House
12 of Representatives, and the Committee on Veterans' Af-
13 fairs of the House of Representatives and publish on a
14 publicly available website a report, and provide to such
15 committees a briefing, on how experiencing military sexual
16 trauma or intimate partner violence affects the risk of sui-
17 cidal ideation and suicide for members of the Armed
18 Forces and veterans.

19 (b) INCORPORATION INTO CLINICAL PRACTICE
20 GUIDELINES.—Not later than one year after the publica-
21 tion of the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary
22 of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall in-
23 corporate findings on military sexual trauma and intimate
24 partner violence, including the results of the report, as risk
25 factors for suicide and suicidal ideation into the Depart-
26 ment of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Clinical

- 1 Practice Guidelines for Assessment and Management of
- 2 Patients at Risk for Suicide, or similar successor guide-
- 3 lines.

