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To require a survey of the preferences of members of the Armed Forces regarding military pay and benefits.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) 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. SURVEY OF PREFERENCES OF MEMBERS OF**
4 **THE ARMED FORCES REGARDING MILITARY**
5 **PAY AND BENEFITS.**

6 (a) SURVEY REQUIRED.—The Military Compensation
7 and Retirement Modernization Commission shall carry out
8 an anonymous survey of random members of the Armed
9 Forces regarding their preferences in military pay and
10 benefits.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The survey under this section shall
2 be conducted for the purpose of soliciting information on
3 the following:

4 (1) The value that members of the Armed
5 Forces place on the following forms of compensation
6 relative to one another:

7 (A) Basic pay.

8 (B) Allowances for housing and subsist-
9 ence.

10 (C) Bonuses and special pays.

11 (D) Dependent healthcare benefits.

12 (E) Healthcare benefits for retirees under
13 65 years old.

14 (F) Healthcare benefits for Medicare-eli-
15 gible retirees.

16 (G) Retirement pay.

17 (2) How the members value different levels of
18 pay or benefits, including the impact of co-payments
19 or deductibles on the value of benefits.

20 (3) Any other matters related to military pay
21 and benefits that the Commission considers appro-
22 priate.

23 (4) How information collected pursuant to
24 paragraph (1), (2), or (3) varies by age, grade, de-

1 pendent status, and other factors the Commission
2 considers appropriate.

3 (c) SUBMITTAL OF RESULTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon the completion of the
5 survey required by this section, the Commission shall
6 submit a report on the analysis and raw data of the
7 survey to the Secretary of Defense and to Congress.

8 (2) AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.—At the same
9 time the Commission submits the report required by
10 paragraph (1), the Commission shall make the re-
11 port available to the public.

12 (d) USE OF RESULTS BY COMMISSION.—Section
13 671(b)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 1787)
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at
17 the end;

18 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
19 paragraph (D); and

20 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
21 lowing new subparagraph (C):

22 “(C) examining the analysis and raw data
23 collected pursuant to the survey of the pref-
24 erence of members of the Armed Forces regard-
25 ing military pay and benefits required by the

1 Act to require a survey of the preferences of
2 members of the Armed Forces regarding mili-
3 tary pay and benefits; and”.

4 (e) MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT
5 MODERNIZATION COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section,
6 the term “Military Compensation and Retirement Mod-
7 ernization Commission” means the Military Compensation
8 and Retirement Modernization Commission under subtitle
9 H of title VI of the National Defense Authorization Act
10 for Fiscal Year 2013.

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