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H. R. 3769

To improve the safety and security of members of the Armed Forces, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2021

Mr. JACKSON (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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Forces, and for other purposes.

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 “Servicemember Safety
5 and Security Improvement Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND SECU-**
7 **RITY OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8 (a) **COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF MISSING PERSONS**
9 **REPORTING.**—The Secretary of Defense shall instruct the
10 Secretary of each military department to undertake a com-

1 prehensive review of the department’s policies and proce-
2 dures for reporting members of the Armed Forces absent
3 without leave, on unauthorized absence, or missing.

4 (b) REVIEW OF INSTALLATION-LEVEL PROCE-
5 DURES.—The head of each military installation command
6 shall—

7 (1) direct each military installation under its
8 command to review its policies and procedures for
9 carrying out the reporting activities described under
10 subsection (a); and

11 (2) update such installation-level policies and
12 procedures with a view towards force protection, en-
13 hanced security for members of the Armed Forces
14 living on base, and prioritizing reporting at the ear-
15 liest reasonable time to local law enforcement at all
16 levels, and Federal law enforcement field offices with
17 overlapping jurisdiction with that installation, when
18 a member is determined to be missing.

19 (c) INSTALLATION-SPECIFIC REPORTING PROTO-
20 COLS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The commander of each
22 military installation shall establish a protocol for
23 sharing information with local and Federal law en-
24 forcement agencies about members of the Armed
25 Forces that are absent without leave, on unauthor-

1 ized absence, or missing. The protocol shall provide,
2 by memorandum of understanding or otherwise, for
3 the commander to immediately notify all local and
4 Federal law enforcement agencies with jurisdictions
5 in the immediate area of the military installation
6 when the status of a member assigned to such in-
7 stallation has been changed to absent without leave,
8 on unauthorized absence, or missing.

9 (2) REPORTING TO MILITARY INSTALLATION
10 COMMAND.—The commander of each military instal-
11 lation shall submit the protocol established pursuant
12 to paragraph (1) to the relevant military installation
13 command.

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