

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5732

To direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study the feasibility of establishing a pilot program to assign certain officers of the Armed Forces to serve as directors of medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2020

Mr. MAST (for himself, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. ALLRED, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Leadership Evaluation
3 At Department of Veterans Affairs Act” or the “LEAD
4 VA Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PILOT PROGRAM FOR CER-**
6 **TAIN OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO**
7 **SERVE AS DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS.**

9 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
10 retary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly conduct a study
11 to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot program
12 under which the Secretaries assign officers of the Armed
13 Forces in the grade of O–6 to serve as directors of medical
14 centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a period
15 of three years.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and
18 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to
19 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives and the Senate and the Committees on Vet-
21 erans Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
22 Senate a report containing—

23 (1) the results of the study under subsection

24 (a);

25 (2) a recommendation as to whether the pilot
26 program should be established; and

- 1 (3) if the establishment of the pilot program is
- 2 recommended, a plan for such establishment.

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