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# S. 1923

To require the Secretary of Defense to provide to employees of the United States Government and their family members timely access to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for medical assessment of anomalous health conditions.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 27, 2021

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Walter Reed Injury  
5 Recovery (WIRe) Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT EMPLOY-**  
2 **EES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS TO CER-**  
3 **TAIN FACILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
4 **FENSE FOR ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT**  
5 **OF ANOMALOUS HEALTH CONDITIONS.**

6 (a) **ASSESSMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense shall  
7 provide to employees of the United States Government and  
8 their family members who the Secretary determines are  
9 experiencing symptoms of certain anomalous health condi-  
10 tions, as defined by the Secretary for purposes of this sec-  
11 tion, timely access to Walter Reed National Military Med-  
12 ical Center for medical assessment.

13 (b) **TREATMENT.**—With respect to an individual de-  
14 scribed in subsection (a) diagnosed with an anomalous  
15 health condition or a related affliction, whether diagnosed  
16 under an assessment under subsection (a) or otherwise,  
17 the Secretary shall furnish to the individual treatment for  
18 the injury or affliction, subject to space availability, at the  
19 National Intrepid Center of Excellence at Walter Reed  
20 National Military Medical Center.

21 (c) **DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.**—The Secretary of  
22 Defense, in consultation with the heads of such Federal  
23 agencies as the Secretary considers appropriate, shall de-  
24 velop a process to ensure that employees from those agen-  
25 cies and their family members are afforded timely access  
26 to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center pursuant

1 to subsection (a) by not later than 60 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act.

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