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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TOOMEY 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 “Service Members Tran-
5 sition Improvement Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCEDURES FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFOR-**
2 **MATION TO STATE VETERANS AGENCIES TO**
3 **FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF MEMBERS**
4 **OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM MILITARY**
5 **SERVICE TO CIVILIAN LIFE.**

6 (a) PROCEDURES REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
7 fense shall develop procedures to share the information de-
8 scribed in subsection (b) on members of the Armed Forces
9 who are separating from the Armed Forces with State vet-
10 erans agencies in electronic data format as a means of
11 facilitating the transition of members of the Armed Forces
12 from military service to civilian life.

13 (b) COVERED INFORMATION.—The information de-
14 scribed in this subsection with respect to a member is as
15 follows:

- 16 (1) Military service and separation data.
- 17 (2) A personal email address.
- 18 (3) A personal telephone number.
- 19 (4) A mailing address.

20 (c) CONSENT.—The procedures required by sub-
21 section (a) shall include a requirement for consent of a
22 member before sharing information about the member.

23 (d) USE OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall en-
24 sure that the information shared with State veterans agen-
25 cies in accordance with the procedures required by sub-
26 section (a) is only shared by such agencies with county

1 government veterans service offices for such purposes as
2 the Secretary shall specify for the administration and de-
3 livery of benefits.

4 (e) REPORT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary shall submit to Congress a report on the
8 progress of the Secretary on sharing information
9 with State veterans agencies as described in sub-
10 section (a).

11 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required by para-
12 graph (1) shall include the following:

13 (A) A description of the procedures devel-
14 oped under subsection (a).

15 (B) A description of the activities carried
16 out by the Secretary in accordance with such
17 procedures.

18 (C) Such recommendations as the Sec-
19 retary may have for legislative or administrative
20 action to improve the sharing of information as
21 described in subsection (a).

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