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To provide for offices on sexual assault prevention and response under the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to require reports on additional offices and selection of sexual assault prevention and response personnel, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER) 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. OFFICES AND PERSONNEL FOR SEXUAL AS-**
4 **SAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE WITHIN**
5 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) OFFICES UNDER CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE
7 ARMED FORCES REQUIRED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each Chief of Staff of an
2 Armed Force specified in paragraph (2) shall estab-
3 lish and maintain within the office of such Chief of
4 Staff an office on the sexual assault prevention and
5 response program carried out by such Armed Force.

6 (2) CHIEFS OF STAFF.—The Chiefs of Staff of
7 the Armed Forces specified in this paragraph are as
8 follows:

9 (A) The Chief of Staff of the Army.

10 (B) The Chief of Naval Operations.

11 (C) The Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

12 (D) The Commandant of the Marine
13 Corps.

14 (3) HEAD.—The head of an office established
15 under this subsection shall be selected by the Chief
16 of Staff concerned from among members of the
17 Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Depart-
18 ment of Defense using the selection process used by
19 the Chief of Staff to fill nominative billets.

20 (4) SUPERVISION AND REPORTING.—The head
21 of an office established under this subsection shall
22 be subject to the direct supervision of, and shall re-
23 port directly to, the Chief of Staff concerned regard-
24 ing the activities of the office and the sexual assault

1 prevention and response program or programs of the
2 Armed Force concerned.

3 (5) SELECTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVEN-
4 TION AND RESPONSE PERSONNEL THROUGH NOMI-
5 NATIVE BILLET PROCESS.—The head of each office
6 established under this subsection shall ensure that
7 any individual, whether a member of the Armed
8 Forces or a civilian employee of the Department of
9 Defense, who is selected for assignment in such of-
10 fice to a position that includes responsibility for sex-
11 ual assault prevention and response within the
12 Armed Forces is selected for assignment using a se-
13 lection process used to fill nominative billets.

14 (b) REPORTS ON OFFICES UNDER THE MILITARY
15 DEPARTMENTS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary
18 of a military department shall submit to the Com-
19 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
20 House of Representatives a report setting forth an
21 assessment of the feasibility and advisability of es-
22 tablishing and maintaining within the office of such
23 Secretary an office on the sexual assault prevention
24 and response program carried out by such military
25 department.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each assessment under para-
2 graph (1) shall assume the following with respect to
3 the office covered by such assessment:

4 (A) That the head of the office shall be se-
5 lected by the Secretary of the military depart-
6 ment concerned from among members of the
7 Armed Forces and civilian employees of the De-
8 partment of Defense using the selection process
9 used by such Secretary to fill nominative billets.

10 (B) That the head of the office shall be
11 subject to the direct supervision of, and shall
12 report directly to, the Secretary of the military
13 department concerned regarding the activities
14 of the office and the sexual assault prevention
15 and response program or programs of the mili-
16 tary department.

17 (C) That the head of the office shall en-
18 sure that any individual, whether a member of
19 the Armed Forces or a civilian employee of the
20 Department of Defense, who is selected for as-
21 signment in such office to a position that in-
22 cludes responsibility for sexual assault preven-
23 tion and response within the Armed Forces is
24 selected for assignment using a selection proc-
25 ess used to fill nominative billets.

1 (c) REPORT ON SELECTION OF PERSONNEL FOR PO-
2 SITIONS UNDER ARMED FORCES PROGRAMS.—Not later
3 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
4 each Secretary of a military department shall submit to
5 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
6 House of Representatives a report setting forth an assess-
7 ment of the feasibility and advisability of selecting the
8 members of the Armed Forces and other personnel to be
9 assigned to positions under the jurisdiction of such Sec-
10 retary that include responsibility for sexual assault pre-
11 vention and response within the Armed Forces, including
12 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Coordinators and
13 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advo-
14 cates, through the selection process used by such military
15 department to fill nominative billets.

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