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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the evaluation and standardization of suicide prevention efforts
by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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vention efforts by the Department of Defense, 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 “Save Our
5 Servicemembers Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF SUICIDE**
2 **PREVENTION EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT**
3 **OF DEFENSE.**

4 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-
6 sonnel and Readiness shall—

7 (1) direct the Defense Suicide Prevention Office
8 to collaborate with each Secretary of a military de-
9 partment—

10 (A) to develop and implement a process to
11 ensure that individual non-clinical suicide pre-
12 vention efforts are assessed for effectiveness
13 among members of the Armed Forces; and

14 (B) to develop consistent suicide-related
15 definitions to be used throughout the Depart-
16 ment of Defense;

17 (2) require the use of suicide-related definitions
18 developed under paragraph (1)(B) to be used in any
19 updated policies of the Department of Defense or
20 any military department; and

21 (3) enhance collaboration between the Defense
22 Suicide Prevention Office and the Psychological
23 Health Center of Excellence on the production of an-
24 nual suicide reports to minimize duplication of ef-
25 forts by the Department of Defense.