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To require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

_____ (legislative day, _____), _____

Reported by Mr. MORAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Molly R. Loomis Re-
3 search for Descendants of Toxic Exposed Veterans Act of
4 2025”.

5 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH ON DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF**
6 **HEALTH CONDITIONS OF DESCENDANTS OF**
7 **INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUB-**
8 **STANCES WHILE SERVING IN ARMED FORCES.**

9 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (b) of section 501 of
10 the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our
11 Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022
12 (Public Law 117–168) is amended by adding at the end
13 the following new paragraph:

14 “(3) Establish Federal interagency task forces
15 to conduct collaborative research activities.”.

16 (b) **REPORTING.**—Subsection (e) of such section is
17 amended by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting
18 the following:

19 “(2) Not later than one year after the date of
20 the enactment of the Molly R. Loomis Research for
21 Descendants of Toxic Exposed Veterans Act of
22 2025—

23 “(A) a report containing a description of
24 the collaborative research activities identified by
25 the Working Group under subsection (b);

1 “(B) the findings of the members of the
2 Working Group with respect to the collaborative
3 research activities described in subparagraph
4 (A); and

5 “(C) such recommendations as the Work-
6 ing Group may have for legislative or adminis-
7 trative action to improve collaborative research
8 activities among the members of the Working
9 Group.

10 “(3) Not less frequently than annually during
11 the five-year period covered by the strategic plan de-
12 veloped under subsection (b)—

13 “(A) a summary of the collaborative re-
14 search activities carried out by the members of
15 the Working Group and the findings of the
16 members with respect to such research activi-
17 ties;

18 “(B) a progress report on implementation
19 of the strategic plan developed by the Working
20 Group under subsection (b); and

21 “(C) such recommendations as the Work-
22 ing Group may have for legislative or adminis-
23 trative action to improve collaborative research
24 activities among members of the Working
25 Group.”.

1 (e) RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS.—Such section is
2 amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (e)
4 as subsections (d) through (f), respectively;

5 (2) in subsection (e), as redesignated by para-
6 graph (1), by striking “under subsection (e)” and
7 inserting “under subsection (d)”; and

8 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection (c):

10 “(c) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN RE-
11 SEARCH ON IMPACTS TO DESCENDANTS.—Not later than
12 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Molly R.
13 Loomis Research for Descendants of Toxic Exposed Vet-
14 erans Act of 2025, the Working Group and the Agency
15 for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry shall—

16 “(1) establish an interagency task force to con-
17 duct research on the diagnosis and treatment of
18 health conditions of descendants of toxic-exposed
19 veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United
20 States Code); and

21 “(2) maintain a publicly available website with
22 information on the activities and findings of the
23 Agency under paragraph (1), including a review of
24 all relevant data to determine the strength of evi-
25 dence for a positive association between a health

1 condition researched and a toxic exposure risk activ-
2 ity (as defined in section 1710(e)(4) of title 38,
3 United States Code) based on the categories set
4 forth under section 1173(e)(2) of title 38, United
5 States Code.”.

6 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7 *This Act may be cited as the “Molly R. Loomis Re-*
8 *search for Descendants of Toxic Exposed Veterans Act of*
9 *2026”.*

10 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH ON DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF**
11 **HEALTH CONDITIONS OF DESCENDANTS OF**
12 **INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUB-**
13 **STANCES WHILE SERVING IN ARMED FORCES.**

14 *(a) CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of Vet-*
15 *erans Affairs shall enter into a contract or interagency*
16 *agreement with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Dis-*
17 *ease Registry (in this section referred to as the “Agency”)*
18 *to perform the services covered by this section.*

19 *(b) SERVICES.—Under a contract or agreement be-*
20 *tween the Secretary and the Agency under this section, the*
21 *Agency shall—*

22 *(1) conduct a literature review on the health ef-*
23 *fects on descendants of toxic-exposed veterans and*
24 *toxic-exposed members of the Armed Forces from their*

1 *toxic exposure and identify any gaps in knowledge or*
2 *research on such topic;*

3 *(2) not later than 180 days after completing the*
4 *literature review under paragraph (1) establish and*
5 *maintain a publicly available website with informa-*
6 *tion on—*

7 *(A) the findings of the Agency with respect*
8 *to such literature review; and*

9 *(B) the ongoing research and activities di-*
10 *rected by the Agency, including a review of all*
11 *relevant data to determine the strength of evi-*
12 *dence for a positive association between a health*
13 *condition researched and a toxic exposure based*
14 *on the categories set forth under section*
15 *1173(c)(2) of title 38, United States Code; and*

16 *(3) not later than 30 days after the date on*
17 *which the website is established under paragraph (2)*
18 *and not less frequently than once every 30 days there-*
19 *after, update the information made available under*
20 *subparagraph (B) of such paragraph.*

21 *(c) LITERATURE REVIEW.—*

22 *(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the literature*
23 *review under subsection (b)(1), the Agency shall re-*
24 *view available literature to determine the association*
25 *between military toxic exposures and the incidence or*

1 *prevalence of birth defects among the descendants of*
2 *toxic-exposed veterans and toxic-exposed members of*
3 *the Armed Forces.*

4 (2) *REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after the*
5 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Agency shall*
6 *submit to the Secretary, the Committee on Veterans’*
7 *Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Veterans’*
8 *Affairs of the House of Representatives a report con-*
9 *taining the findings of the Agency with respect to the*
10 *activities of the Agency under subsection (b)(1).*

11 (3) *PLAN.*—

12 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days*
13 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*
14 *Agency shall submit to the Secretary and to the*
15 *Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate*
16 *and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the*
17 *House of Representatives a plan describing the*
18 *Agency’s proposed approach to carrying out the*
19 *literature review under subsection (b)(1).*

20 (B) *CONTENTS.*—*The plan submitted pursu-*
21 *ant to subparagraph (A) shall include—*

22 (i) *the scope and key research questions*
23 *to be addressed; and*

1 (ii) the methodology to be used in iden-
2 tifying, evaluating, and synthesizing rel-
3 evant scientific and medical literature.

4 (d) *CONSULTATION.*—The Agency shall carry out the
5 services covered by this section in consultation with such
6 Federal, State, and research partners as the Agency and
7 the Secretary jointly consider appropriate.

8 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM FOR MONITORING HEALTH OF DESCEND-**
9 **ANTS OF VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE**
10 **ARMED FORCES SUBJECTED TO TOXIC EXPO-**
11 **SURE IN THE ARMED FORCES.**

12 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
13 shall use the results of the literature review conducted under
14 section 2(b)(1) to establish a health monitoring or screening
15 program for descendants of toxic-exposed veterans and
16 toxic-exposed members of the Armed Forces, to assist in
17 identifying potential patterns or signals, supporting public
18 health surveillance, and facilitating epidemiologic and clin-
19 ical research related to birth defects.

20 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—In carrying out the program re-
21 quired by subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

22 (1) leverage Government data sets to improve the
23 program;

24 (2) recruit additional descendants;

1 (3) *consult with relevant stakeholders to develop*
2 *a strategy to coordinate collection of information*
3 *under the program; and*

4 (4) *ensure data from the program is used to in-*
5 *form basic research, translational research, and epide-*
6 *miological studies to help address data and knowledge*
7 *gaps identified in the literature review conducted*
8 *under section 2(b)(1).*

9 (c) *MECHANISMS FOR ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-*
10 *retary may administer the program required by subsection*
11 *(a) either directly or through such mechanisms as the Sec-*
12 *retary considers appropriate, such as through the award of*
13 *a grant or cooperative agreement.*

14 (d) *COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—In administering*
15 *the health monitoring program required by subsection (a),*
16 *the Secretary may collect, process, maintain, and consoli-*
17 *date information on birth defects among descendants of*
18 *toxic-exposed veterans and toxic-exposed members of the*
19 *Armed Forces, including biological samples, environmental*
20 *factors, and personal and social factors.*

21 (e) *CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the*
22 *services covered by this section in consultation with such*
23 *Federal, State, and research partners as the Secretary con-*
24 *siders appropriate.*

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 *In this section:*

3 (1) *ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, AIR, OR SPACE*
4 *SERVICE.*—*The term “active military, naval, air, or*
5 *space service” has the meaning given such term in*
6 *section 101 of title 38, United States Code.*

7 (2) *RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS.*—*The term “rel-*
8 *evant stakeholders” means—*

9 (A) *public health experts with experience in*
10 *developing and maintaining health monitoring*
11 *programs;*

12 (B) *epidemiologists with experience in*
13 *studying health effects of toxic exposure on the*
14 *descendants of toxic-exposed veterans;*

15 (C) *descendants of toxic-exposed veterans;*
16 *and*

17 (D) *veterans service organizations.*

18 (3) *TOXIC-EXPOSED MEMBER OF THE ARMED*
19 *FORCES.*—*The term “toxic-exposed member of the*
20 *Armed Forces” means a member of the Armed Forces*
21 *who was subject to a toxic exposure in line of duty*
22 *in the active military, naval, air, or space service.*

23 (4) *TOXIC-EXPOSED VETERAN.*—*The term “toxic-*
24 *exposed veteran” means a veteran who was subject to*
25 *a toxic exposure in line of duty in the active mili-*
26 *tary, naval, air, or space service.*

1 (5) *TOXIC EXPOSURE*.—*The term “toxic expo-*
2 *sure” has the meaning given such term in section 101*
3 *of title 38, United States Code.*