

(2) **COORDINATION.**—The plan described in paragraph (1) shall, to the maximum extent practicable, consider and avoid duplication of any ongoing or planned actions of other Federal, State, and local agencies and non-governmental organizations.

(3) **PRIORITIZATION.**—To the maximum extent practicable, the plan described in paragraph (1) shall give priority to projects eligible under subsection (b)(2) that will also improve water quality, reduce hypoxia in the Lower Mississippi River or Gulf of Mexico, or use a combination of structural and non-structural measures.

(d) **AGREEMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Before providing assistance under this section, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with a non-Federal interest for the design and construction of a project carried out pursuant to the comprehensive Lower Mississippi River Basin plan described in subsection (c).

(2) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Each agreement entered into under this subsection shall provide for the establishment of such legal and institutional structures as are necessary to ensure the effective long-term operation and maintenance of the project by the non-Federal interest.

(e) **COST SHARING.**—

(1) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—The Federal share of the cost to design and construct a project under each agreement entered into under this section shall be 75 percent.

(2) **NON-FEDERAL SHARE.**—

(A) **VALUE OF LAND, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND RELOCATIONS.**—In determining the non-Federal contribution toward carrying out an agreement entered into under this section, the Secretary shall provide credit to a non-Federal interest for the value of land, easements, rights-of-way, and relocations provided by the non-Federal interest, except that the amount of credit provided for a project under this paragraph may not exceed 25 percent of the cost to design and construct the project.

(B) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.**—The non-Federal share of the costs of operation and maintenance of activities carried out under an agreement under this section shall be 100 percent.

(f) **COOPERATION.**—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall cooperate with—

(1) the heads of appropriate Federal agencies, including—

(A) the Secretary of Agriculture;

(B) the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

(C) the heads of such other Federal agencies as the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

(2) agencies of a State or political subdivision of a State.

(g) **PROJECT CAP.**—The total cost of a project carried out under this section may not exceed \$15,000,000.

(h) **REPORT.**—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that describes the results of the program under this section, including a recommendation on whether the program should be reauthorized.

(i) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$90,000,000.

**SEC. 5407. FORECAST-INFORMED RESERVOIR OPERATIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary is authorized to carry out a research study pilot program at 1 or more dams owned and operated by the Secretary in the North Atlantic Division of the Corps of Engineers to assess the

viability of forecast-informed reservoir operations in the eastern United States.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after completion of the research study pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report on the results of the study pilot program.

**SEC. 5408. MISSISSIPPI RIVER MAT SINKING UNIT.**

The Secretary shall expedite the replacement of the Mississippi River mat sinking unit.

**SEC. 5409. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO OKATIBBEE LAKE.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) there is significant shoreline sloughing and erosion at the Okatibbee Lake portion of the project for flood protection, Chunky Creek, Chickasawhay and Pascagoula Rivers, Mississippi, authorized by section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1962 (76 Stat. 1183), which has the potential to impact infrastructure, damage property, and put lives at risk; and

(2) addressing shoreline sloughing and erosion at a project of the Secretary, including at a location leased by non-Federal entities such as Okatibbee Lake, is an activity that is eligible to be carried out by the Secretary as part of the operation and maintenance of the project.

**SA 5904.** Mr. BOOKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5499 submitted by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 7900, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 564. INITIATIVES TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE OFFICER CORPS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

(a) **REPORT ON INITIATIVES.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth a comprehensive description and assessment of the initiatives currently being undertaken by the military service academies to increase diversity among the officers corps of the Armed Forces. The report shall include efforts undertaken by Diversity and Recruitment Officers of each of the military service academies to recruit in title I high schools.

(b) **RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON APPLICANTS AND ANNUAL CLASSES.**—The Superintendent of each military service academy shall adopt the approach taken by the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy in releasing to the congressional defense committees in a public manner the following:

(1) The manner in which each annual class of cadets or midshipmen is scored for admission.

(2) The racial and ethnic makeup of each annual class of cadets or midshipmen.

(c) **MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “military service academy” means the following:

(1) The United States Military Academy.

(2) The United States Naval Academy.

(3) The United States Air Force Academy.

(4) The United States Coast Guard Academy.

**SA 5905.** Mr. BOOKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5499 submitted by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 7900, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, add the following:

**SEC. 606. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PETS FOR MEMBERS MAKING A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION.**

Section 453 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h) **REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PETS FOR MEMBERS MAKING A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION.**—

“(1) **PET QUARANTINE FEES.**—The Secretary concerned may reimburse a member of a uniformed service who is ordered to make a permanent change of station for mandatory pet quarantine fees for household pets, but not to exceed \$550 per change of station, when the member incurs the fees incident to such change of station.

“(2) **TRANSPORTATION TO OR FROM DUTY STATION ABROAD.**—The Secretary concerned may reimburse a member of a uniformed service who is ordered to make a permanent change of station between a duty station in the United States and a duty station in a foreign country for transportation of household pets in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 per change of station.”

**SA 5906.** Mr. BOOKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5499 submitted by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 7900, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1077. PILOT PROGRAM ON DOULA SUPPORT FOR VETERANS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) There are approximately 2,300,000 women within the veteran population in the United States.

(2) The number of women veterans using services from the Veterans Health Administration has increased by 28.8 percent from 423,642 in 2014 to 545,670 in 2019.

(3) During the period of 2010 through 2015, the use of maternity services from the Veterans Health Administration increased by 44 percent.

(4) Although prenatal care and delivery is not provided in facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, pregnant women seeking care from the Department for other conditions may also need emergency care and require coordination of services through the

Veterans Community Care Program under section 1703 of title 38, United States Code.

(5) The number of unique women veteran patients with an obstetric delivery paid for by the Department increased by 1,778 percent from 200 deliveries in 2000 to 3,756 deliveries in 2015.

(6) The number of women age 35 years or older with an obstetric delivery paid for by the Department increased 16-fold from fiscal year 2000 to fiscal year 2015.

(7) A study in 2010 found that veterans returning from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom who experienced pregnancy were twice as likely to have a diagnosis of depression, anxiety, posttraumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia as those who had not experienced a pregnancy.

(8) The number of women veterans of reproductive age seeking care from the Veterans Health Administration continues to grow (more than 185,000 as of fiscal year 2015).

(b) PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a pilot program to furnish doula services to covered veterans through eligible entities by expanding the Whole Health model of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or successor model, to measure the impact that doula support services have on birth and mental health outcomes of pregnant veterans (in this section referred to as the “pilot program”).

(2) CONSIDERATION.—In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary shall consider all types of doulas, including traditional and community-based doulas.

(3) CONSULTATION.—In designing and implementing the pilot program, the Secretary shall consult with stakeholders, including—

(A) organizations representing veterans, including veterans that are disproportionately impacted by poor maternal health outcomes;

(B) community-based health care professionals, including doulas, and other stakeholders; and

(C) experts in promoting health equity and combating racial bias in health care settings.

(4) GOALS.—The goals of the pilot program are the following:

(A) To improve—

(i) maternal, mental health, and infant care outcomes;

(ii) integration of doula support services into the Whole Health model of the Department, or successor model; and

(iii) the experience of women receiving maternity care from the Department, including by increasing the ability of a woman to develop and follow her own birthing plan.

(B) To reengage veterans with the Department after giving birth.

(c) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall carry out the pilot program in—

(1) the three Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department that have the highest percentage of female veterans enrolled in the patient enrollment system of the Department established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, compared to the total number of enrolled veterans in such Network; and

(2) the three Veterans Integrated Service Networks that have the lowest percentage of female veterans enrolled in the patient enrollment system compared to the total number of enrolled veterans in such Network.

(d) OPEN PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary shall allow any eligible entity or covered veteran interested in participating in the pilot program to participate in the pilot program.

(e) SERVICES PROVIDED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Under the pilot program, a covered veteran shall receive not more than 10 sessions of care from a doula under the Whole Health model of the Department, or successor model, under which a doula works as an advocate for the veteran alongside the medical team for the veteran.

(2) SESSIONS.—Sessions covered under paragraph (1) shall be as follows:

(A) Three or four sessions before labor and delivery.

(B) One session during labor and delivery.

(C) Three or four sessions after postpartum, which may be conducted via the mobile application for VA Video Connect.

(f) ADMINISTRATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Women’s Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or successor office (in this section referred to as the “Office”), shall—

(A) coordinate services and activities under the pilot program;

(B) oversee the administration of the pilot program; and

(C) conduct onsite assessments of medical facilities of the Department that are participating in the pilot program.

(2) GUIDELINES FOR VETERAN-SPECIFIC CARE.—The Office shall establish guidelines under the pilot program for training doulas on military sexual trauma and post traumatic stress disorder.

(3) AMOUNTS FOR CARE.—The Office may recommend to the Secretary appropriate payment amounts for care and services provided under the pilot program, which shall not exceed \$3,500 per doula per veteran.

(g) DOULA SERVICE COORDINATOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Office, shall establish a Doula Service Coordinator within the functions of the Maternity Care Coordinator at each medical facility of the Department that is participating in the pilot program.

(2) DUTIES.—A Doula Service Coordinator established under paragraph (1) at a medical facility shall be responsible for—

(A) working with eligible entities, doulas, and covered veterans participating in the pilot program; and

(B) managing payment between eligible entities and the Department under the pilot program.

(3) TRACKING OF INFORMATION.—A doula providing services under the pilot program shall report to the applicable Doula Service Coordinator after each session conducted under the pilot program.

(4) COORDINATION WITH WOMEN’S PROGRAM MANAGER.—A Doula Service Coordinator for a medical facility of the Department shall coordinate with the women’s program manager for that facility in carrying out the duties of the Doula Service Coordinator under the pilot program.

(h) TERM OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall conduct the pilot program for a period of 5 years.

(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall establish a process to provide technical assistance to eligible entities and doulas participating in the pilot program.

(j) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for each year in which the pilot program is carried out, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the pilot program.

(2) FINAL REPORT.—As part of the final report submitted under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include recommendations on whether the model studied in the pilot program

should be continued or more widely adopted by the Department.

(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED VETERAN.—The term “covered veteran” means a pregnant veteran or a formerly pregnant veteran (with respect to sessions post-partum) who is enrolled in the patient enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means an entity that provides medically accurate, comprehensive maternity services to covered veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary, including under the Veterans Community Care Program under section 1703 of title 38, United States Code.

(3) VA VIDEO CONNECT.—The term “VA Video Connect” means the program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to connect veterans with their health care team from anywhere, using encryption to ensure a secure and private session.

**SA 5907.** Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5499 submitted by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 7900, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

**SECTION 1239. MODIFICATION TO ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

Section 1234(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 134 Stat. 3936) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (24) as paragraph (25); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (23) the following:

“(24) A detailed description of—

“(A) the manner in which Russian private military companies are being used to advance the political, economic, and military interests of the Government of the Russian Federation;

“(B) the direct or indirect threats such companies pose to United States security interests;

“(C) the manner in which sanctions currently in place to impede or deter such companies from continuing to carry out malign activities have impacted the behavior of such companies;

“(D) all foreign persons engaged significantly with such companies; and

“(E) human rights abuses committed by such companies, including an assessment as to whether such abuses are carried out in support of local actors.”.

**SA 5908.** Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5499 submitted by Mr. REED (for himself and