

# Sailor Standard of Care Act

## Increasing Limited Duty Mental Health Resources and Screenings

### Mental Health Resources

- Provides resources to units that have more than 15 sailors assigned to limited duty.
  - 👁️ These resources include mandatory billets for limited duty sailors including a medical officer, a chaplain, and a civilian mental health professional.

### Mental Health Screening

- Requires all sailors assigned to limited duty receive an initial mental health screening by a certified mental healthcare provider. Subsequent screenings will be conducted every 60 days while sailors are assigned to limited duty.



## Increasing Access to Military and Dependent Mental Health Care

### INVESTIGATING TRICARE IMPROVEMENTS

- Directs the Secretary of Defense to report on challenges servicemembers and their families face accessing quality mental healthcare.
  - 👁️ Requires the examination of reimbursement rates for mental healthcare providers under TRICARE, the number of current and projected mental healthcare providers under TRICARE, and an assessment of what, if any, additional authorities and resources are needed to effectively provide timely access to mental healthcare for active-duty service members and their families.



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## Improving Naval Response to Suicide Clusters

### Creates Standard Operating Procedures

- Requires the Department of the Navy to study recent cases, like those at the USS George Washington and MARMC, in which multiple suicides occurred within 30 days of each other at the same unit/command and establish a standard operating procedure for responding to multiple suicides.

## Addressing Quality of Life Resources

### Implements Quality of Life Tracker

- Requires the Department of the Navy to construct and manage a dashboard to track quality of life programs and their utilization rate.
  - 👁 The quality-of-life issues tracked by this dashboard includes childcare, healthcare, education, housing, and spouse employment.

## Uncovering Navy Bureaucratic Inefficiencies

### Expediting Medical Separation Process

- Requires the Department of the Navy to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee on the average number of days it takes for the Department of the Navy to separate with limited duty sailors after it is determined the sailors are to be medically separated.

