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H. R. 3493

To require a pilot program on the provision of certain information to State veterans agencies to facilitate the transition of members of the Armed Forces from military service to civilian life.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALBERG introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Servicemembers Tran-
5 sition Improvement Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON PROVISION OF CERTAIN IN-**
2 **FORMATION TO STATE VETERANS AGENCIES**
3 **TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF MEM-**
4 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM MILI-**
5 **TARY SERVICE TO CIVILIAN LIFE.**

6 (a) **PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—Commencing not
7 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot pro-
9 gram to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing
10 the information described in subsection (b) on members
11 of the Armed Forces who are separating from the Armed
12 Forces to State veterans agencies as a means of facili-
13 tating the transition of members of the Armed Forces
14 from military service to civilian life.

15 (b) **COVERED INFORMATION.**—The information de-
16 scribed in this subsection with respect to a member is as
17 follows:

- 18 (1) Department of Defense Form DD 214.
- 19 (2) A personal email address.
- 20 (3) A personal telephone number.
- 21 (4) A mailing address.

22 (c) **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.**—The participation
23 of a member in the pilot program shall be at the election
24 of the member.

1 (d) FORM OF PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—Infor-
2 mation shall be provided to State veterans agencies under
3 the pilot program in digitized electronic form.

4 (e) USE OF INFORMATION.—Information provided to
5 State veterans agencies under the pilot program may be
6 shared by such agencies with appropriate county veterans
7 service offices in such manner and for such purposes as
8 the Secretary shall specify for purposes of the pilot pro-
9 gram.

10 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 15 months after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
12 mit to Congress a report on the pilot program. The report
13 shall include a description of the pilot program and such
14 recommendations, including recommendations for con-
15 tinuing or expanding the pilot program, as the Secretary
16 considers appropriate in light of the pilot program.

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