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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To improve the safety and security of members of the Armed Forces, and  
for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JACKSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Servicemember Safety  
5       and Security Improvement Act of 2021”.

6       **SEC. 2. MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND SECU-**  
7       **RITY OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8       (a) COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF MISSING PERSONS  
9       REPORTING.—The Secretary of Defense shall instruct the

1 Secretary of each military department to undertake a com-  
2 prehensive review of the department's policies and proce-  
3 dures for reporting members of the Armed Forces absent  
4 without leave, on unauthorized absence, or missing.

5 (b) REVIEW OF INSTALLATION-LEVEL PROCE-  
6 DURES.—The head of each military installation command  
7 shall—

8 (1) direct each military installation under its  
9 command to review its policies and procedures for  
10 carrying out the reporting activities described under  
11 subsection (a); and

12 (2) update such installation-level policies and  
13 procedures with a view towards force protection, en-  
14 hanced security for members of the Armed Forces  
15 living on base, and prioritizing reporting at the ear-  
16 liest reasonable time to local law enforcement at all  
17 levels, and Federal law enforcement field offices with  
18 overlapping jurisdiction with that installation, when  
19 a member is determined to be missing.

20 (c) INSTALLATION-SPECIFIC REPORTING PROTO-  
21 COLS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The commander of each  
23 military installation shall establish a protocol for  
24 sharing information with local and Federal law en-  
25 forcement agencies about members of the Armed

1 Forces that are absent without leave, on unauthor-  
2 ized absence, or missing. The protocol shall provide,  
3 by memorandum of understanding or otherwise, for  
4 the commander to immediately notify all local and  
5 Federal law enforcement agencies with jurisdictions  
6 in the immediate area of the military installation  
7 when the status of a member assigned to such in-  
8 stallation has been changed to absent without leave,  
9 on unauthorized absence, or missing.

10 (2) REPORTING TO MILITARY INSTALLATION  
11 COMMAND.—The commander of each military instal-  
12 lation shall submit the protocol established pursuant  
13 to paragraph (1) to the relevant military installation  
14 command.