

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for the conduct of a study on the relationship between intimate partner violence and traumatic brain injury.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 6157

Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. ERNST) to the amendment (No. 3695) proposed by Mr. SHELBY

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in title II of division B, in-
2 sert the following:

3 **SEC. ____ . STUDY ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States, in meaningful consultation with experts on the
6 intersections of domestic violence, disabilities, trauma, and
7 mental health, shall conduct a study to evaluate the status
8 of—

1 (1) research on the relationship between inti-
2 mate partner violence and traumatic brain injury ex-
3 perience by victims; and

4 (2) public awareness and education campaigns
5 related to the effects of intimate partner violence on
6 victims' brain health and its connection to traumatic
7 brain injury experienced by victims.

8 (b) CONTENT.—The study conducted under sub-
9 section (a) shall include—

10 (1) a review on the outcomes of any previous
11 research, the status of existing research activities,
12 and efforts to address knowledge gaps across agen-
13 cies of the Federal Government; and

14 (2) recommendations to—

15 (A) encourage increased research to ad-
16 dress existing knowledge gaps relating to the
17 relationship between intimate partner violence
18 and traumatic brain injury experienced by vic-
19 tims;

20 (B) increase awareness of the effects of in-
21 timate partner violence on the brain health of
22 victims for health care and other treatment pro-
23 viders;

24 (C) increase victim service providers'
25 awareness of the effects of intimate partner vio-

1 lence on victims' brain health, enhance their ca-
2 pacity to identify victims with traumatic brain
3 injuries and provide services that support vic-
4 tims' healing and recovery; and

5 (D) increase awareness of the links be-
6 tween intimate partner violence and the brain
7 health of victims' for the general public.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
10 submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
11 and Pensions of the Senate, the Committee on the Judici-
12 ary of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the
13 Senate, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
14 House of Representatives, the Committee on Ways and
15 Means of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
16 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
17 a report on the study conducted under subsection (a).