

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2647, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HODES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

At the end of title V (page 180, after line 11), add
the following new section:

1 **SEC. 594. EXPANSION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION AND COM-**
2 **MUNITY HEALING AND RESPONSE TRAINING**
3 **UNDER THE YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRA-**
4 **TION PROGRAM.**

5 Section 582 of the National Defense Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat.
7 122) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (h)—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (3); and

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
11 through (15) as paragraphs (3) through (14),
12 respectively; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 section:

15 “(i) SUICIDE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY HEAL-
16 ING AND RESPONSE PROGRAM.—

17 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—As part of the Yellow
18 Ribbon Reintegration Program, the Office for Re-
19 integration Programs shall establish a program to

1 provide National Guard and Reserve members, their
2 families, and their communities with training in sui-
3 cide prevention and community healing and response
4 to suicide.

5 “(2) DESIGN.—In establishing the program
6 under paragraph (1), the Office for Reintegration
7 Programs shall consult with—

8 “(A) persons that have experience and ex-
9 pertise with combining military and civilian
10 intervention strategies that reduce risk and pro-
11 mote healing after a suicide attempt or suicide
12 death for National Guard and Reserve mem-
13 bers; and

14 “(B) the adjutant general of each state,
15 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District
16 of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

17 “(3) OPERATION.—

18 “(A) SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.—
19 The Office for Reintegration Programs shall
20 provide National Guard and Reserve members
21 with training in suicide prevention. Such train-
22 ing shall include—

23 “(i) describing the warning signs for
24 suicide and teaching effective strategies for
25 prevention and intervention;

1 “(ii) examining the influence of mili-
2 tary culture on risk and protective factors
3 for suicide; and

4 “(iii) engaging in interactive case sce-
5 narios and role plays to practice effective
6 intervention strategies.

7 “(B) COMMUNITY HEALING AND RE-
8 SPONSE TRAINING.—The Office for Reintegra-
9 tion Programs shall provide the families and
10 communities of National Guard and Reserve
11 members with training in responses to suicide
12 that promote individual and community healing.
13 Such training shall include—

14 “(i) enhancing collaboration among
15 community members and local service pro-
16 viders to create an integrated, coordinated
17 community response to suicide;

18 “(ii) communicating best practices for
19 preventing suicide, including safe mes-
20 saging, appropriate memorial services, and
21 media guidelines;

22 “(iii) addressing the impact of suicide
23 on the military and the larger community,
24 and the increased risk that can result; and

1 “(iv) managing resources to assist key
2 community and military service providers
3 in helping the families, friends, and fellow
4 soldiers of a suicide victim through the
5 processes of grieving and healing.

6 “(C) COLLABORATION WITH CENTERS OF
7 EXCELLENCE.— The Office for Reintegration
8 Programs, in consultation with the Defense
9 Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health
10 and Traumatic Brain Injury, shall collect and
11 analyze ‘lessons learned’ and suggestions from
12 State National Guard and Reserve organiza-
13 tions with existing or developing suicide preven-
14 tion and community response programs.”.

