

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of subtitle E of title V in division A, add
the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . ENHANCING MILITARY CHILDCARE PROGRAMS**
2 **AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **DEFENSE.**

4 (a) **HOURS OF OPERATION OF CHILDCARE DEVELOP-**
5 **MENT CENTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—**

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The hours of operation of
7 each childcare development center (CDC) of the De-
8 partment of Defense shall, to the extent practicable,
9 be set and maintained in manner that takes into ac-
10 count the demands and circumstances of members of
11 the Armed Forces, including members of the reserve
12 components, who use such center in facilitation of
13 the performance of their military duties.

14 (2) **MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—**
15 The demands and circumstances to be taken into ac-
16 count under paragraph (1) for purposes of setting
17 and maintaining the hours of operation of a

1 childcare development center shall include the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (A) Mission requirements of units whose
4 members use such center.

5 (B) The unpredictability of work schedules,
6 and fluctuations in day-to-day work hours, of
7 such members.

8 (C) The potential for frequent and pro-
9 longed absences of such members for training,
10 operations, and deployments.

11 (D) The location of such center on the
12 military installation concerned, including the lo-
13 cation in connection with duty locations of
14 members and applicable military family hous-
15 ing.

16 (E) The geographic separation of such
17 members from their extended family.

18 (F) The extent to which spouses of such
19 members are employed or pursuing educational
20 opportunities, whether on a full-time basis or a
21 part-time basis.

22 (G) Such other matters as the Secretary of
23 the military department concerned considers ap-
24 propriate for purposes of this section.

1 (b) CHILDCARE COORDINATORS FOR MILITARY IN-
2 STALLATIONS.—

3 (1) CHILDCARE COORDINATORS.—Each Sec-
4 retary of a military department shall provide for a
5 childcare coordinator at each military installation
6 under the jurisdiction of such Secretary at which are
7 stationed significant numbers of members of the
8 Armed Forces with accompanying dependent chil-
9 dren, as determined by such Secretary.

10 (2) NATURE OF POSITION.—The childcare coor-
11 dinator for a military installation may be an indi-
12 vidual appointed to that position on full-time or
13 part-time basis or an individual appointed to another
14 position whose duties in such other position are con-
15 sistent with the discharge by the person of the du-
16 ties of childcare coordinator.

17 (3) DUTIES.—Each childcare coordinator for an
18 installation shall carry out the duties as follows:

19 (A) Act as an advocate for military fami-
20 lies at the installation on childcare matters both
21 on-installation and off-installation.

22 (B) Work with the commander of the in-
23 stallation in order to seek to ensure that the
24 childcare development centers at the installa-
25 tion, together with any other available childcare

1 options on or in the vicinity of the installa-
2 tion—

3 (i) provide a quality of care (including
4 a caregiver-to-child ratio) commensurate
5 with best practices of private providers of
6 childcare services; and

7 (ii) are responsive to the childcare
8 needs of members stationed at the installa-
9 tion and their families.

10 (C) Work with private providers of
11 childcare services in the vicinity of the installa-
12 tion in order to—

13 (i) track vacancies in the childcare fa-
14 cilities of such providers;

15 (ii) seek to obtain favorable prices for
16 the use of such services by members sta-
17 tioned at the installation; and

18 (iii) otherwise ease the use of such
19 services by such members.

20 (D) Such other duties as the Secretary of
21 the military department concerned shall specify.

