

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle I of title V, add the following
new section:

1 SEC. 1 ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF DUAL OR CONCURRENT EN-
2 ROLLMENT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS OF
3 DEFENSE DEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, acting
5 through the Director of the Department of Defense Edu-
6 cation Activity, may—

7 (1) enter into arrangements with institutions of
8 higher education to provide students of Defense De-
9 pendent Schools with access to postsecondary course
10 credit through dual or concurrent enrollment pro-
11 grams; and

12 (2) provide financial assistance to cover the
13 costs associated with such programs.

14 (b) CREDIT TRANSFERABILITY.—The Secretary of
15 Defense shall, to the greatest extent practicable, ensure
16 that the Department of Defense Education Activity, in fa-
17 cilitating dual or concurrent enrollment programs with in-
18 stitutions of higher education under this section—

1 (1) establishes articulation or credit transfer
2 agreements that promote the transferability of aca-
3 demic credits earned by participating students; and

4 (2) prioritizes agreements with institutions that
5 offer broad acceptance of such credits across degree
6 programs.

7 (c) INSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY.—In entering into
8 contracts or other agreements with institutions of higher
9 education for purposes of dual or concurrent enrollment
10 programs under this section, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall ensure that such institutions—

12 (1) are accredited and in good standing with
13 recognized institutional accrediting agencies;

14 (2) maintain a record of compliance with appli-
15 cable Federal and State education laws and regula-
16 tions; and

17 (3) to the greatest extent practicable, have a
18 demonstrable record of reliability and excellence in
19 matters of financial integrity, academic standards,
20 and student protections.

21 (d) PREPARATION AND INFORMING FAMILIES AND
22 EDUCATORS.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
23 funds made available to the Department of Defense Edu-
24 cation Activity for the purposes of supporting dual or con-

1 current enrollment programs are used, to the extent prac-
2 ticable, for the following:

3 (1) COURSE SEQUENCE ALIGNMENT.—Design-
4 ing a sequence of courses for such programs to
5 match the academic content standards and level of
6 rigor of the corresponding postsecondary courses, in
7 consultation and collaboration with—

8 (A) educators from Defense Dependent
9 Schools serving the military-connected commu-
10 nity;

11 (B) faculty members from institutions of
12 higher education offering dual or concurrent en-
13 rollment programs; and

14 (C) the school advisory committee (or the
15 equivalent advisory body) of each Defense De-
16 pendent School.

17 (2) OUTREACH AND INFORMATION DISSEMINA-
18 TION.—Establishing outreach and awareness efforts
19 targeted toward elementary and secondary school
20 students, particularly those in the middle grades and
21 their families, educators, school counselors, and
22 principals, to provide—

23 (A) general information regarding the
24 availability and benefits of dual or concurrent
25 enrollment programs;

1 (B) guidance on eligibility requirements,
2 academic expectations, and necessary pre-
3 paratory coursework for such programs; and

4 (C) resources to support informed decision-
5 making and successful student participation in
6 such programs.

7 (e) TEACHER CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of De-
8 fense shall ensure that all dual or concurrent enrollment
9 courses facilitated by the Department of Defense Edu-
10 cation Activity are taught by—

11 (1) a postsecondary faculty member who—

12 (A) is employed by two-year or four-year
13 institution of higher education (which may in-
14 clude a community college); and

15 (B) meets the applicable postsecondary ac-
16 creditation standards for instructional staff; or

17 (2) a classroom teacher employed by a local
18 educational agency or by the Department of Defense
19 Education Activity, who—

20 (A) has met the certification and content-
21 area qualifications necessary to teach at the
22 secondary level; and

23 (B) has received training or certification to
24 deliver the dual or concurrent enrollment course

1 curriculum in alignment with the standards of
2 the partnering institution of higher education.

3 (f) PROTECTING STATE RESIDENCY.—The Secretary
4 of Defense shall ensure that the Department of Defense
5 Education Activity, in administering or facilitating access
6 to dual or concurrent enrollment programs under this sec-
7 tion, makes every reasonable effort to ensure that partici-
8 pating students retain their State of legal residence as es-
9 tablished prior to enrollment in such programs, for pur-
10 poses of—

11 (1) eligibility for in-State tuition rates at public
12 institutions of higher education;

13 (2) qualification for State-based financial aid,
14 scholarships, or academic recognition;

15 (3) uninterrupted access to dual or concurrent
16 enrollment opportunities made available through
17 State or institutional partnerships; and

18 (4) other educational benefits connected to
19 State residency.

20 (g) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out
21 this section, the Secretary of Defense shall—

22 (1) consult with the School Advisory Commit-
23 tees (or the equivalent advisory bodies) and Parent
24 Teacher Associations of participating Defense De-
25 pendent Schools; and

1 (2) to the maximum extent practicable, use and
2 certify licensed teachers already employed at De-
3 fense Dependent Schools to teach courses offering
4 postsecondary credit unless doing so would nega-
5 tively affect the transferability of such credits.

6 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “Defense Dependent School”
8 means—

9 (A) a school operated under the Defense
10 Dependents’ Education System, as authorized
11 under the Defense Dependents’ Education Act
12 of 1978 (20 U.S.C. 921 et seq.); or

13 (B) a Department of Defense domestic de-
14 pendent elementary and secondary school, as
15 authorized under section 2164 of title 10,
16 United States Code.

17 (2) The term “dual or concurrent enrollment
18 program” means a program offered by an arrange-
19 ment between the Department of Defense Education
20 Activity and an institution of higher education and
21 through which a student enrolled in a Defense De-
22 pendent School who has not graduated from high
23 school with a regular high school diploma is able to
24 enroll in one or more postsecondary courses and
25 earn credit that applies—

1 (A) toward completion of a postsecondary
2 degree or recognized educational credential as
3 described in the Higher Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.); and

5 (B) toward completion of high school.

6 (3) The term “institution of higher education”
7 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of
8 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
9 1002).

10 (4) The term “recognized institutional accred-
11 iting agency” means an agency or association recog-
12 nized by the Secretary of Education under section
13 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
14 U.S.C. 1099b).

