

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 **TITLE IX—MISCELLANEOUS**

2 **SEC. 901. FEASIBILITY STUDY AND REPORT ON STAFFING**

3 **NEEDS ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BORDER OF**

4 **THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after enactment
6 of this Act, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border
7 Protection, in coordination with the Director of Immigra-
8 tion and Customs Enforcement and the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security, shall conduct a feasibility study with
10 a private, independent, and federally funded research and
11 development center to complete a full assessment of staff-
12 ing needs along the southwest border of the United States.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.— The study required under sub-
14 section (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) Reviews of existing staffing models and
16 methodology for deploying personnel along the
17 southwest border of the United States and across
18 the country, and the impact of continuously relying

1 on details and overtime to temporarily fill staffing
2 gaps.

3 (2) Factors within and outside of the Depart-
4 ment of Homeland Security's control that are affect-
5 ing workloads and exacerbating staffing challenges
6 to identify solutions the components can accomplish,
7 as well as those that require congressional actions.

8 (3) Critical capability gaps identified in human
9 resources, new technology integration, and stream-
10 lined risk management systems across the agencies
11 described in subsection (a).

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
13 on which the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border
14 Protections completes such study, the Commissioner shall
15 submit a report to the appropriate congressional commit-
16 tees that includes—

17 (1) the findings of such study; and

18 (2) recommendations relating to ways in which
19 the Commissioner, the Director of Immigration and
20 Customs Enforcement, and the Secretary of Home-
21 land Security should develop and fully implement the
22 recommendations described in the feasibility study.

23 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
24 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
25 gressional committees” means—

- 1 (1) the Committees on Appropriations of the
- 2 House of Representatives and of the Senate;
- 3 (2) the Committee of Homeland Security and
- 4 Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and
- 5 (3) the Committee of Homeland Security of the
- 6 House of Representatives.

