

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17___ . FEASIBILITY STUDY ON CBP-ICE STAFFING AT**
2 **THE SOUTHWEST BORDER.**

3 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland
5 Security, in coordination with the Commissioner of the
6 U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Director of Im-
7 migration and Customs Enforcement Agency, and the Di-
8 rector of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services,
9 shall conduct a feasibility study to complete a full assess-
10 ment of staffing needs at the Southwest border of the
11 United States.

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

14 (1) Reviews of existing staffing models and
15 methodology for deploying personnel at the South-
16 west border and across the country and the effect of
17 continuously relying on details and overtime to tem-
18 porarily fill staffing gaps.

1 (2) Factors within and outside of the control of
2 the Department of Homeland Security that are af-
3 fecting workloads and exacerbating staffing chal-
4 lenges to identify solutions the components can ac-
5 complish as well as those that require congressional
6 actions.

7 (3) An identification of critical capability gaps
8 in human resources, new technology integration, and
9 streamlined risk management systems across U.S.
10 Customs and Border Protection, the Immigration
11 and Customs Enforcement Agency, and the U.S.
12 Citizenship and Immigration Services.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 on which the study required under subsection (a) is com-
15 plete, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to
16 the appropriate congressional committees a report that in-
17 cludes—

18 (1) the findings of such study; and

19 (2) how the Secretary of Homeland Security,
20 the Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border
21 Protections, the Director of Immigration and Cus-
22 toms Enforcement Agency, and the Director of U.S.
23 Citizenship and Immigration Services should develop
24 and fully implement the recommendations described
25 in the study.

1 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-

3 gressional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committee of Homeland Security and
5 Governmental Affairs in the Senate;

6 (2) the Committee of Homeland Security in the
7 House of Representatives; and

8 (3) the Committees on Appropriations of the
9 House of Representatives and the Senate.

