

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

1 SEC. 5 ____ . STUDY ON SUPPORT FOR NON-CITIZEN MEM-
2 BERS FO THE ARMED FORCES.

3 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
4 shall conduct a study on the procedures and support mech-
5 anisms within the Department of Defense for non-citizen
6 members of the Armed Forces seeking to apply for United
7 States citizenship. Such study shall include an examina-
8 tion of the following:

9 (1) The policies, regulations, and practices
10 across the Armed Forces regarding the naturaliza-
11 tion process for non-citizen members.

12 (2) The availability and effectiveness of legal
13 assistance, counseling, and informational resources
14 provided to non-citizen members regarding citizen-
15 ship applications.

16 (3) The average processing times for citizenship
17 applications submitted by non-citizen members and
18 any factors contributing to delays or backlogs.

1 (4) The challenges and barriers faced by non-
2 citizen members in the citizenship application proc-
3 ess, including issues related to documentation, lan-
4 guage barriers, deployment cycles, in-person visit re-
5 quirements, and access to necessary services.

6 (5) The extent of collaboration and information
7 sharing between the Department of Defense, the De-
8 partment of Homeland Security, and the Depart-
9 ment of Veterans Affairs regarding the naturaliza-
10 tion of non-citizen members and veterans.

11 (6) Best practices and successful models em-
12 ployed by individual units or commands within the
13 Armed Forces, or by other government agencies, in
14 supporting non-citizen members seeking citizenship.

15 (7) An assessment of the adequacy of training
16 provided to personnel responsible for assisting non-
17 citizen members with citizenship applications.

18 (8) The impact of service in the Armed Forces
19 on the eligibility requirements and expedited natu-
20 ralization provisions for non-citizens.

21 (9) Any instances where non-citizen members
22 have faced adverse consequences or unique chal-
23 lenges in the citizenship application process attrib-
24 utable to the service of such member in the Armed
25 Forces.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
3 shall submit to Congress a report containing the findings
4 of the study required by subsection (a).

