

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17___. OUTREACH TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES UNDER THE SOLID START PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6320 of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended, in subsection (a)—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “members of
6 the Armed Forces described in subsection (b) and”
7 after “needs of”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

10 (A)—

11 (i) by inserting “with the Department
12 of Defense” after “coordinate efforts”; and

13 (ii) by inserting “such members of the
14 Armed Forces and” after “to assist”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
16 “such members and” after “reach out to”; and

17 (C) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
18 “such members and” after “to connect”.

1 (b) ACTIVITIES OF THE SOLID START PROGRAM.—

2 Such section is further amended, in subsection (b)(1)—

3 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(with
4 priority for members between during the period be-
5 tween 120 and 210 days before separation)” after
6 “separating from the Armed Forces”;

7 (2) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “such
8 member’s and” after “the needs of each”;

9 (3) in subparagraph (E), by inserting “such
10 members and” after “prioritizing outreach to”;

11 (4) in subparagraph (F), by inserting “such
12 members who are women and” after “providing”.

13 (5) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
14 through (H) as subparagraphs (E) through (K), re-
15 spectively; and

16 (6) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
17 lowing new subparagraphs:

18 “(B) collecting suicide prevention policies,
19 points of contact, and referral protocols of the De-
20 partment of Defense to inform such members who
21 are in crisis of such resources;

22 “(C) calling each such member, regardless of
23 separation type or characterization of service, at
24 least one time not earlier than 210 days, and not

1 later than 120 days, before the separation of such
2 member from the Armed Forces—

3 “(i) to inform the member of the transi-
4 tional health care available under section 1145
5 of title 10; and

6 “(ii) to provide to the member the contact
7 information for—

8 “(I) the facility of the Department lo-
9 cated closest to the member’s permanent
10 residence; and

11 “(II) a local representative of an orga-
12 nization recognized by the Secretary under
13 section 5902 of this title, or an agent or
14 attorney recognized under section 5904 of
15 this title, who may assist the member in
16 compiling and filing the member’s claim
17 for disability compensation;

18 “(D) communicating with such members
19 through other means (including text message or
20 email) if calling each member as described in sub-
21 paragraph (C) has not resulted in contact before ex-
22 ceeding the maximum number of call attempts as
23 the Secretary may specify;”.

