

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. BEYER OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of subtitle E of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_ . INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT ON MIDAIR**  
2 **COLLISION BETWEEN AMERICAN AIRLINES**  
3 **FLIGHT 5342 AND AN ARMY BLACK HAWK**  
4 **HELICOPTER AT RONALD REAGAN WASH-**  
5 **INGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.**

6 (a) **AUDIT REQUIRED.**—The Inspector General of the  
7 Department of Defense shall conduct an audit of Depart-  
8 ment and Army policies, practices, training, equipage, and  
9 oversight related to the January 29, 2025, midair collision  
10 between American Airlines Flight 5342 and an Army  
11 Black Hawk helicopter at Ronald Reagan Washington Na-  
12 tional Airport, to review any factors that did or could have  
13 contributed to the incident. The audit shall include an in-  
14 vestigation of each of the following:

15 (1) The Army Aviation Brigade, including the  
16 12th Aviation Battalion, training activities and oper-  
17 ations in the National Capital Region, including  
18 whether—

1 (A) training standards were adequate and  
2 evaluation outcomes accurately reflected aviator  
3 performance;

4 (B) staffing practices (including experi-  
5 ence, recency, fatigue management, and super-  
6 visory ratios), and operational planning deci-  
7 sions were adequate;

8 (C) communication standards, operational  
9 planning decisions, risk identification, assess-  
10 ment, and escalation were sufficient; and

11 (D) compliance with routes, applicable  
12 standard operating procedures, letters of offer  
13 and acceptance or memoranda of under-  
14 standing, or equipment policies contributed to  
15 operational risk.

16 (2) Policy and practice of the Army and the  
17 Army Aviation Brigade on aircraft collision-avoid-  
18 ance systems and automatic dependent surveillance-  
19 broadcast equipage, usage, activation, and waivers,  
20 and whether longstanding near-miss or loss-of-sepa-  
21 ration patterns were adequately identified, escalated,  
22 and addressed.

23 (3) Army, Federal Aviation Administration, air-  
24 port operators, medical evacuation and emergency  
25 services providers, and Federal, State, and local law

1 enforcement, and interagency communication, in-  
2 cluding data-sharing protocols.

3 (4) Army actions taken in response to the Jan-  
4 uary 29, 2025, crash, including any policy changes,  
5 coordination efforts, records preservation and pro-  
6 duction, transparency with oversight bodies, and  
7 measures to prevent further incidents.

8 (5) Any institutional patterns or gaps in inter-  
9 nal accountability, safety oversight, safety culture, or  
10 interagency coordination that may have factored into  
11 or been represented in the collision or in the re-  
12 sponse of the Army to the collision, and whether ac-  
13 countability determinations were made under appli-  
14 cable Army regulations.

15 (b) REPORT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the In-  
18 spector General shall submit to the congressional de-  
19 fense committees a report on the results of the audit  
20 conducted under paragraph (1).

21 (2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report submitted  
22 under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in an un-  
23 classified and unredacted format, but may contain a  
24 classified annex.

1           (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 14  
2           days after the date of the submission of the report  
3           under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall  
4           make the report publicly available on an appropriate  
5           website of the Department of Defense. Any  
6           redactions made to the public version of the report  
7           shall be limited to material required by law and shall  
8           include a brief explanation of the basis.

