

AMENDMENT TO RULES CMTE. PRINT 119-33
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Page 376, after line 17, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . PILOT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT MEMBERS OF**
2 **THE ARMED FORCES AND MILITARY FAMILIES**
3 **TRANSITIONING TO CIVILIAN LIFE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall establish a non-clinical, community-based pilot pro-
7 gram under which eligible organizations shall provide sup-
8 port to members of the Armed Forces and military fami-
9 lies transitioning to civilian life.

10 (b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the pilot program
11 shall be—

12 (1) to provide personalized, whole-family transi-
13 tion and wellness support to strengthen resilience,
14 stability, and long-term well-being during and after
15 separation from the Armed Forces; and

16 (2) to treat transition as a whole-family life
17 change and complement (not duplicate) the Transi-
18 tion Assistance Program through upstream, prevent-
19 ative support.

1 (c) LOCATIONS; DURATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
3 shall carry out the pilot program at four geographi-
4 cally diverse military installations during the three-
5 year period beginning on the date of the enactment
6 of this Act.

7 (2) LOCATIONS.—To the extent practicable, the
8 Secretary of Defense shall carry out the pilot pro-
9 gram at one military installation in each of the fol-
10 lowing areas:

11 (A) The West Coast of the United States.

12 (B) The Midwest of the United States.

13 (C) The East Coast of the United States.

14 (D) Outside of the United States.

15 (3) PREFERENCE.—In selecting locations for
16 the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense shall
17 give preference to locations that serve as major force
18 projection platforms.

19 (d) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS; SELECTION.—The
20 Secretary of Defense shall select organizations to partici-
21 pate in the pilot program from among national organiza-
22 tions serving members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and
23 their families with a demonstrated capability to execute
24 national programs through a community-based lens to

1 provide or coordinate the provision of military transition
2 services for such individuals.

3 (e) ELIGIBLE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES; PRIORITY;
4 REFERRALS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual is eligible for
6 services under the pilot program if the individual
7 is—

8 (A) a member of the Armed Forces on ac-
9 tive duty who is within one year of separation
10 from the Armed Forces, including a single
11 member without dependents; or

12 (B) a member of the family of a member
13 of the Armed Forces described in subparagraph
14 (A).

15 (2) PRIORITY.—In selecting members of the
16 Armed Forces and families for the pilot program, or-
17 ganizations participating in the pilot program shall
18 prioritize—

19 (A) members of the Armed Forces facing
20 accelerated or involuntary separations from the
21 Armed Forces, and families of such members;
22 and

23 (B) members of the Armed Forces with
24 limited time for transition planning, and fami-
25 lies of such members.

1 (3) REFERRALS.—Eligible members of the
2 Armed Forces and families may be referred to the
3 pilot program through any of the following:

4 (A) The Transition Assistance Program.

5 (B) The command of the member.

6 (C) A partner organization.

7 (D) Self-referral.

8 (f) ACTIVITIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the pilot program,
10 each organization participating in the pilot program,
11 in collaboration with local Transition Assistance
12 Program offices, shall—

13 (A) identify eligible members of the Armed
14 Forces and families;

15 (B) provide to such members and families,
16 during the one-year period following separation
17 from the Armed Forces, the services described
18 in paragraph (2); and

19 (C) track the progress of such members
20 and families.

21 (2) SERVICES.—In carrying out paragraph
22 (1)(B), each organization participating in the pilot
23 program shall—

24 (A) provide resources, training, and com-
25 munity connection support, including—

- 1 (i) peer-led support groups;
- 2 (ii) resilience workshops;
- 3 (iii) a digital resource hub focused on
- 4 emotional wellness, practical life skills, and
- 5 community reintegration for spouses, chil-
- 6 dren, and caregivers;
- 7 (iv) employment assistance for
- 8 spouses;
- 9 (v) skills training and credentialing;
- 10 (vi) benefits navigation; and
- 11 (vii) reintegration and wellness sup-
- 12 port;
- 13 (B) assign each single member of the
- 14 Armed Forces or family, as the case may be, a
- 15 dedicated transition coordinator to conduct as-
- 16 sessments, develop personalized transition
- 17 plans, and provide high-touch navigation across
- 18 employment, education, healthcare, benefits,
- 19 and community resources;
- 20 (C) perform a whole-family wellness and
- 21 transition assessment that produces a cus-
- 22 tomized transition roadmap aligned to separa-
- 23 tion timeline, reason for separation, and family
- 24 dynamics;

1 (D) establish tailored support pathways
2 based on individualized needs rather than a
3 one-size-fits-all approach; and

4 (E) connect families to and coordinate with
5 existing Federal, State, nonprofit, and commu-
6 nity resources, rather than create duplicative
7 programs.

8 (g) OUTCOMES.—Each organization participating in
9 the pilot program shall track the following:

10 (1) Short-term outcomes, from 0 to 6 months
11 post-separation, including readiness and confidence,
12 stress, status of transition plans, and resource con-
13 nections.

14 (2) Mid-term outcomes, from 6 to 12 months
15 post-separation, including employment outcomes, fi-
16 nancial stability, and family wellbeing.

17 (3) Long-term outcomes, from 12 to 36 months
18 post-separation, including employment outcomes, re-
19 silience, and crisis intervention needs.

20 (h) IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out the pilot
21 program, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of
22 Veterans Affairs shall coordinate and ensure a seamless
23 post-separation handoff of services between the Depart-
24 ment of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (i) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 on which the pilot program terminates, the Secretary of
3 Defense shall submit to Congress a report that includes
4 the following:

5 (1) A detailed accounting of the results of the
6 pilot program.

7 (2) A recommendation on whether to extend the
8 pilot program.

9 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “pilot program” means the pilot
11 program established under subsection (a).

12 (2) The term “Transition Assistance Program”
13 means the program of the Department of Defense
14 for preseparation counseling, employment assistance,
15 and other transitional services provided under sec-
16 tions 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

