

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–

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OFFERED BY MR. BUDD OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the end of title LI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 51 ____ . INCLUSION OF PROGRAMS OF PRE-APPREN-**
2 **TICESHIP IN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**
3 **PROGRAMS OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
4 **AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 36 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3687
7 the following new section:

8 **“§ 3687A. Programs of pre-apprenticeship**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), and
10 except as provided by subsection (c), the Secretary shall
11 treat a pre-apprenticeship program as a program of ap-
12 prenticeship for purposes of providing educational assist-
13 ance.

14 “(b) APPROVAL OF PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PRO-
15 GRAM.—A pre-apprenticeship program may be covered
16 under subsection (a)—

17 “(1) if the program is recognized under or com-
18 pliant with any standards for a postsecondary pre-

1 apprenticeship program required by the State in
2 which the program is located; or

3 “(2) in the case of a program for which a State
4 does not require any such standards, if—

5 “(A) the curriculum of the program is ap-
6 proved by a sponsor and the sponsor certifies to
7 the Secretary that the program will prepare an
8 individual with skills and competencies needed
9 to enroll in a registered apprenticeship pro-
10 gram; and

11 “(B) the program maintains conduct and
12 attendance policies in accordance with a spon-
13 sor.

14 “(c) BENEFITS.—The educational assistance received
15 by a covered individual enrolled in a pre-apprenticeship
16 program under subsection (a) shall be equal to the amount
17 and kind of such assistance received by the individual if
18 the individual were enrolled in a program of apprentice-
19 ship, except that if the individual is not paid as part of
20 such program, each monthly allowance for housing payable
21 to the individual under such assistance shall be an amount
22 equal to the monthly amount of the basic allowance for
23 housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a mem-
24 ber with dependents in pay grade E-5 residing in the mili-
25 tary housing area that encompasses all or the majority

1 portion of the ZIP code area in which is located the pre-
2 apprenticeship program.

3 “(d) CHARGE TO ENTITLEMENT.—The entitlement
4 of a covered individual pursuing a pre-apprenticeship pro-
5 gram under subsection (a) shall be charged at a rate equal
6 to the rate charged if the program were a program of ap-
7 prenticeship.

8 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) The term ‘covered individual’ means an in-
10 dividual who is—

11 “(A) entitled to educational assistance; and

12 “(B) seeking to use such assistance for a
13 program of apprenticeship.

14 “(2) The term ‘educational assistance’ means
15 educational assistance provided under chapter 30,
16 32, 33, 34, or 35 of this title or chapter 1606 of
17 title 10.

18 “(3) The term ‘pre-apprenticeship program’
19 means a program or set of objectives—

20 “(A) designed to prepare individuals to
21 enter and succeed in a registered apprenticeship
22 program; and

23 “(B) that has a documented partnership
24 with at least one sponsor.

1 “(4) The term ‘registered apprenticeship pro-
2 gram’ means an apprenticeship program registered
3 with the Office of Apprenticeship of the Employment
4 Training Administration of the Department of
5 Labor or a State apprenticeship agency recognized
6 by the Office of Apprenticeship pursuant to the Act
7 of August 16, 1937 (popularly known as the ‘Na-
8 tional Apprenticeship Act’; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

9 “(5) The term ‘sponsor’, with respect to a pre-
10 apprenticeship program, means an entity that for-
11 mally supports the pre-apprenticeship program, in-
12 cluding—

13 “(A) a registered apprenticeship program;

14 “(B) a department or agency of a State or
15 local government;

16 “(C) an institution of higher learning; or

17 “(D) any other public, private, or nonprofit
18 entity that the Secretary determines to be a
19 sponsor for purposes of this section.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
22 after the item relating to section 3687 the following new
23 item:

 “3687A. Programs of pre-apprenticeship.”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 3687A of title 38,
25 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall

1 apply with respect to an individual who enrolls in a pro-
2 gram of pre-apprenticeship described in such section be-
3 ginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

