

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5___ . ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST THE TRANSITION OF**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VET-**
3 **ERANS INTO CAREERS IN EDUCATION.**

4 (a) **VETERANS-TO-CLASSROOMS PROGRAM.—**

5 (1) **MODIFICATION AND REDESIGNATION OF**
6 **PROGRAM.—**Section 1154 of title 10, United States
7 Code, is amended—

8 (A) in the section heading, by striking:
9 **“employment as teachers: Troops-to-**
10 **Teachers Program”** and inserting **“em-**
11 **ployment in schools: Veterans-to-**
12 **Classrooms Program”**;

13 (B) in subsection (a)—

14 (i) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
15 through (8) as paragraphs (4) through
16 (10), respectively;

17 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (1)
18 the following new paragraphs:

1 “(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
2 the Secretary of Defense.

3 “(3) COVERED POSITION.—

4 “(A) The term ‘covered position’ means a
5 full-time position in an eligible school as—

6 “(i) a teacher, including an elemen-
7 tary school teacher, a secondary school
8 teacher, and a career and technical edu-
9 cation teacher;

10 “(ii) a school leader;

11 “(iii) a school administrator;

12 “(iv) a nurse;

13 “(v) a principal;

14 “(vi) a counselor;

15 “(vii) a teaching aide;

16 “(viii) specialized instructional sup-
17 port personnel;

18 “(ix) a school resource officer; or

19 “(x) a contractor who performs the
20 functions of a position described in any of
21 clauses (i) through (viii).”;

22 (iii) by amending paragraph (4), as so
23 redesignated, to read as follows:

24 “(4) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—The term ‘eligible
25 school’ means—

1 “(A) a public elementary school, including
2 a public elementary charter school;

3 “(B) a public secondary school, including a
4 public secondary charter school; or

5 “(C) a Bureau-funded school as defined in
6 section 1141(3) of the Education Amendments
7 of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021(3)).”;

8 (iv) in paragraph (8), as so redesign-
9 nated, by striking “Troops-to-Teachers”
10 and inserting “Veterans-to-Classrooms”;

11 (v) by striking paragraph (9), as so
12 redesignated, and inserting the following
13 new paragraph (9):

14 “(9) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—The term
15 ‘school resource officer’ has the meaning given that
16 term in section 1709(4) of the Omnibus Crime Con-
17 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C.
18 10389(4)).”; and

19 (vi) in paragraph (10), as so redesign-
20 nated, by striking “and ‘State’” and in-
21 serting “‘specialized instructional support
22 personnel’, and ‘State’”;

23 (C) in subsection (b)—

24 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
25 (1), by striking “Secretary of Defense may

1 carry out a Troops-to-Teachers Program”
2 and inserting “The Secretary of Defense,
3 in consultation with the Secretary of Edu-
4 cation, may carry out a Veterans-to-Class-
5 rooms Program”;

6 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “be-
7 come a teacher” and inserting “obtain a
8 covered position”; and

9 (iii) by amending subparagraph (A) of
10 paragraph (2) to read as follows:

11 “(A) by local educational agencies or char-
12 ter schools in States with a shortage of individ-
13 uals to fill covered positions, as determined by
14 the Secretary of Education.”;

15 (D) in subsection (d)(4)(A)—

16 (i) in clause (i), by striking “or career
17 or technical subjects” and inserting “ca-
18 reer and technical education, or subjects
19 relating to a covered position”; and

20 (ii) in clause (ii), by inserting “in a
21 covered position or” after “seek employ-
22 ment”;

23 (E) in subsection (e)—

24 (i) in paragraph (1)(A)—

1 (I) in clause (i), by striking “be-
2 come a teacher” and inserting “obtain
3 a covered position”; and

4 (II) in clause (ii), by striking “as
5 an elementary school teacher” and all
6 that follows through the period at the
7 end and inserting “in a covered posi-
8 tion for not less than three school
9 years in an eligible school to begin the
10 school year after the member obtains
11 the professional credentials required
12 for the position involved”; and

13 (ii) in paragraph (2)(E), by striking
14 “as a teacher in an eligible elementary
15 school or secondary school or as a career
16 or technical teacher” and inserting “in a
17 covered position”; and

18 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

19 (I) in subparagraph (A)—

20 (aa) in the first sentence, by
21 striking “educational level, cer-
22 tification, or licensing” and in-
23 serting “educational level, certifi-
24 cation, licensing, or other profes-
25 sional credentials”; and

1 (bb) in the second sentence,
2 by striking “\$5,000” and insert-
3 ing “\$9,000 (except as adjusted
4 by the Secretary in accordance
5 with subparagraph (D))”;
6 (II) in subparagraph (B)—
7 (aa) in clause (i), by striking
8 “as an elementary school teacher,
9 secondary school teacher, or ca-
10 reer or technical teacher” and in-
11 serting “in a covered position”;
12 and
13 (bb) in clause (ii), by strik-
14 ing “may not exceed \$5,000, un-
15 less the eligible school is a high-
16 need school, in which case the
17 amount of the bonus may not ex-
18 ceed \$10,000” and inserting
19 “may not exceed \$9,000 (except
20 as adjusted by the Secretary in
21 accordance with subparagraph
22 (D)), unless the eligible school is
23 a high-need school, in which case
24 the amount of the bonus may not

1 exceed \$18,000 (except as so ad-
2 justed)”;

3 (III) in subparagraph (C)—

4 (aa) in clause (i), by striking
5 “5,000” and inserting “20,000”;

6 (bb) in clause (ii), by strik-
7 ing “3,000” and inserting
8 “5,000”; and

9 (cc) in clause (iv), by strik-
10 ing “\$10,000” and inserting
11 “\$18,000 (except as adjusted by
12 the Secretary in accordance with
13 subparagraph (D))”; and

14 (IV) by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(D)(i) The Secretary may adjust the dollar
17 amounts set forth in subparagraphs (A), (B)(ii), and
18 (C)(iv) to reflect changes in the Consumer Price
19 Index over the applicable period.

20 “(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘applicable
21 period’ means—

22 “(I) with respect to an initial adjustment
23 under clause (i), the period that has elapsed
24 since the date of the enactment of the TEAMS
25 Act; or

1 “(II) with respect to any adjustment after
2 the initial adjustment, the period that has
3 elapsed since the date of the most recent ad-
4 justment under clause (i).”;

5 (F) in subsection (f)(1)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (I) by striking “become a teach-
8 er” and inserting “obtain a covered
9 position”; and

10 (II) by striking “as an elemen-
11 tary school teacher, secondary school
12 teacher, or career or technical teach-
13 er” and insert “in a covered position”;
14 and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
16 “, employment as an elementary school
17 teacher, secondary school teacher, or ca-
18 reer or technical teacher” and inserting
19 “employment in a covered position”;

20 (G) in subsection (h)(2)(A), by striking
21 “as elementary school teachers, secondary
22 school teachers, and career or technical teach-
23 ers” and inserting “in covered positions”;

24 (H) by adding at the end the following new
25 subsections:

1 “(j) PARTNERSHIPS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter
3 into one or more partnerships with States, local edu-
4 cational agencies, or covered entities—

5 “(A) to help sustain and expand the reach
6 of the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program to pro-
7 mote careers in education among current and
8 future veterans under this section;

9 “(B) to provide information on the Pro-
10 gram in accordance with subsection (k)(2) in
11 widely available, user-friendly formats;

12 “(C) to help recruit more veterans, includ-
13 ing veterans who are retired law enforcement
14 officers, and service members who are within 6
15 months of transitioning out of the military into
16 new careers in education;

17 “(D) to promote careers in education
18 among current and future veterans by providing
19 veterans with information on other employment
20 transition programs, including—

21 “(i) the Veterans’ Employment &
22 Training Service and the National Vet-
23 erans’ Training Institute of the Depart-
24 ment of Labor;

1 “(ii) the transition assistance pro-
2 grams established under section 1144 of
3 this title;

4 “(iii) the SkillBridge and Career
5 Skills Programs of the Department of De-
6 fense;

7 “(iv) the AmeriCorps program carried
8 out under subtitle C of title I of the Na-
9 tional and Community Service Act of 1990
10 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.); and

11 “(v) other transitional or educational
12 programs; and

13 “(E) to promote careers in education by
14 helping veterans learn about educational bene-
15 fits available to them, including Post-9/11 Edu-
16 cational Assistance, certification programs, and
17 applicable on-the-job training and apprentice-
18 ship programs, to help veterans get into an edu-
19 cational career field.

20 “(2) COVERED ENTITY DEFINED.—In this sub-
21 section, the term ‘covered entity’ means—

22 “(A) an entity qualifying as an exempt or-
23 ganization under section 501(c)(3) of the Inter-
24 nal Revenue Code of 1986; or

1 “(B) an veterans service organization rec-
2 cognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for
3 the representation of veterans under section
4 5902 of title 38.

5 “(k) PROGRAM INFORMATION.—

6 “(1) INFORMATION FROM SECRETARY.—The
7 Secretary shall make available, on a publicly acces-
8 sible website of the Department of Defense, the in-
9 formation described in paragraph (3).

10 “(2) INFORMATION FROM COVERED ENTI-
11 TIES.—Each State, local educational agency, and
12 covered entity that enters into a partnership with
13 the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall make avail-
14 able, on a publicly accessible website, the informa-
15 tion described in paragraph (3).

16 “(3) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The informa-
17 tion described in this subparagraph is information
18 on the Veterans-to-Classrooms program authorized
19 under this section, including a description of the ap-
20 plication process for the program and the potential
21 benefits of participating in the program.

22 “(l) BIENNIAL REVIEW.—Not less frequently than
23 once every two years, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
24 gress a report on the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program. At
25 minimum, the report shall include a comparison of the

1 number of participants in the Program during the period
2 covered by the report relative to the number of stipends
3 authorized under the Program during such period.

4 “(m) PROCESS TO STREAMLINE APPLICATIONS.—
5 Not later than one year after the date of the enactment
6 of the TEAMS Act, the Secretary shall implement a pro-
7 cess to simplify the submission of applications under sub-
8 section (d)(2).”.

9 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
10 tions at the beginning of chapter 58 of such title is
11 amended by striking the item relating to section
12 1154 and inserting the following new item:

“1154. Assistance to eligible members and former members to obtain employ-
ment in schools: Veterans-to-Classrooms Program.”.

13 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
14 by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall take effect on the
15 date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (4) REFERENCES.—Beginning on the effective
17 date specified in paragraph (3), any reference in
18 Federal law (other than this Act), regulations, guid-
19 ance, instructions, or other documents of the Fed-
20 eral Government to the Troops-to-Teachers Program
21 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Veterans-
22 to-Classrooms Program.

23 (b) VETERANS EMPLOYABLE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE
24 OFFICERS.—Section 1709(4) of the Omnibus Crime Con-

1 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10389(4))
2 is amended by inserting after “a career law enforcement
3 officer, with sworn authority,” the following: “or a veteran
4 (as such term is defined in section 101(2) of title 38,
5 United States Code) who is hired by a State or local public
6 agency as a law enforcement officer for purposes of serv-
7 ing as a school resource officer, who is”.

8 (c) TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION CAREERS FOR VET-
9 ERANS.—

10 (1) TASK FORCE.—Not later than 120 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
12 President shall convene a task force to identify
13 strategies that may be used to assist veterans in ob-
14 taining employment in the field of education.

15 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The task force con-
16 vened under paragraph (1) shall—

17 (A) consult regularly with veterans service
18 organizations in performing the duties of the
19 task force; and

20 (B) coordinate administrative and regu-
21 latory activities and develop proposals to—

22 (i) identify State licensing and certifi-
23 cation requirements that are excessive and
24 unnecessarily burdensome for veterans

1 seeking to transition into careers in edu-
2 cation;

3 (ii) identify potential compensation
4 structures for educational employment that
5 include salary credit for prior military and
6 law enforcement experience;

7 (iii) recommend incentives to encour-
8 age educational employers to hire veterans;

9 (iv) assess the feasibility of estab-
10 lishing dedicated military veteran liaison
11 positions in school districts;

12 (v) examine how funds made available
13 for the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program
14 under section 1154 of title 10, United
15 States Code, may be used to conduct out-
16 reach, provide certification support, and
17 help States establish outreach centers for
18 veterans; and

19 (vi) explore how partnerships entered
20 by the Secretary under subsection (j) of
21 such section may be used to promote ca-
22 reers in education among veterans through
23 collaboration with relevant employment
24 transition programs, including the Transi-
25 tion Assistance Program, the SkillBridge

1 and Career Skills Programs of the Depart-
2 ment of Defense, and the AmeriCorps pro-
3 gram.

4 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall consist
5 of—

6 (A) the Secretary of Defense, or the des-
7 ignee of the Secretary, who shall be the head of
8 the task force;

9 (B) the Secretary of Education, or the des-
10 ignee of the Secretary;

11 (C) the Attorney General, or the designee
12 of the Attorney General;

13 (D) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or
14 the designee of the Secretary;

15 (E) the Secretary of Labor, or the designee
16 of the Secretary;

17 (F) the Director of the Office of Manage-
18 ment and Budget, or the designee of the Direc-
19 tor;

20 (G) four representatives from a veterans
21 service organization, selected by the President;

22 (H) a representative of the Administrative
23 Conference of the United States; and

24 (I) representatives of State and local gov-
25 ernments selected by the President, which may

1 include representatives of State boards of edu-
2 cation and relevant State licensing agencies.

3 (4) REPORT.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
5 after the date on which the task force is con-
6 vened under paragraph (1), the task force shall
7 submit to Congress a report that includes—

8 (i) a description of actions that may
9 be carried out by State and local govern-
10 ments to reduce barriers that interfere
11 with the ability of veterans to transition
12 into careers in education; and

13 (ii) recommendations for specific legis-
14 lative and regulatory actions that may be
15 carried out to reduce such barriers.

16 (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report
17 under subparagraph (A) shall be made available
18 on a publicly accessible website of the Depart-
19 ment of Defense.

20 (5) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
21 “veterans service organization” means any organiza-
22 tion recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
23 for the representation of veterans under section
24 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

25 (d) FUNDING.—

1 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the
2 amounts set forth in the funding tables in division
3 D, there are authorized to be appropriated
4 \$240,000,000 to carry out the Veterans-to-Class-
5 rooms Program under section 1154 of title 10,
6 United States Code (as amended by subsection (a)).

7 (2) OFFSETS.—

8 (A) Notwithstanding the amounts set forth
9 in the funding tables in division D, the amount
10 authorized to be appropriated in section 3102
11 for defense environmental cleanup, as specified
12 in the corresponding funding table in section
13 4701, is hereby reduced by \$217,500,000.

14 (B) Notwithstanding the amounts set forth
15 in the funding tables in division D, the amount
16 authorized to be appropriated for research, de-
17 velopment, test, and evaluation, Navy, as speci-
18 fied in the corresponding funding table in sec-
19 tion 4201, for applied research, force protection
20 applied research (PE 0602123N), line 005—

21 (i) for CFP–Resilient Autonomous
22 System Research and Workforce Diversity
23 is hereby reduced by \$4,000,000;

1 (ii) for Direct air capture and carbon
2 removal technology program is hereby re-
3 duced by \$10,000,000; and

4 (iii) for Resilient Autonomous Sys-
5 tems Research & Workforce Diversity is
6 hereby reduced by \$8,500,000.

