

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

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

1 **SEC. 10 ___. VETERANS' ACCESS TO CHILD CARE.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
3 “Veterans’ Access to Child Care Act of 2015”.

4 (b) CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS RE-
5 CEIVING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND OTHER INTENSIVE
6 HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPART-
7 MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter
9 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
10 adding at the end the following new section:

11 **“§ 1730B. Child care assistance for veterans receiving**
12 **mental health care and other intensive**
13 **health care services**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide child
15 care assistance to an eligible veteran for any period that
16 the veteran—

17 “(1) receives covered health care services at a
18 facility of the Department; and

1 “(2) is required travel to and return from such
2 facility for the receipt of such health care services.

3 “(b) CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.—(1) Child care as-
4 sistance provided under this section may include any of
5 the following:

6 “(A) A stipend for the payment of child
7 care offered by a licensed child care center (ei-
8 ther directly or through a voucher program)
9 which shall be, to the extent practicable, mod-
10 eled after the Department of Veterans Affairs
11 Child Care Subsidy Program established pursu-
12 ant to section 590 of title 40.

13 “(B) Direct provision of child care at an
14 on-site facility of the Department.

15 “(C) A payment made directly to a private
16 child care agency.

17 “(D) A collaboration with a facility or pro-
18 gram of another Federal department or agency.

19 “(E) Such other form of assistance as the
20 Secretary considers appropriate.

21 “(2) In the case that child care assistance
22 under this section is provided as a stipend under
23 paragraph (1)(A), such stipend shall cover the full
24 cost of such child care.

25 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘eligible veteran’ means a vet-
2 eran who—

3 “(A) is the primary caretaker of a child or
4 children; and

5 “(B) is—

6 “(i) receiving covered health care serv-
7 ices from the Department; or

8 “(ii) in need of covered health care
9 services, and but for lack of child care
10 services, would receive such covered health
11 care services from the Department.

12 “(2) The term ‘covered health care services’
13 means—

14 “(A) regular mental health care services;

15 “(B) intensive mental health care services;

16 or

17 “(C) such other intensive health care serv-
18 ices that the Secretary determines that provi-
19 sion of assistance to the veteran to obtain child
20 care would improve access to such health care
21 services by the veteran.”.

22 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
23 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
24 by inserting after the item relating to section 1730A
25 the following new item:

“1730B. Child care for veterans receiving mental health care and other intensive health care services.”.

