AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. 10. VETERANS’ ACCESS TO CHILD CARE.

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

(b) CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND OTHER INTENSIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—

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

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

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

“(1) receives covered health care services at a facility of the Department; and
“(2) is required travel to and return from such facility for the receipt of such health care services.

“(b) CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.—(1) Child care assistance provided under this section may include any of the following:

“(A) A stipend for the payment of child care offered by a licensed child care center (either directly or through a voucher program) which shall be, to the extent practicable, modeled after the Department of Veterans Affairs Child Care Subsidy Program established pursuant to section 590 of title 40.

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

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

“(D) A collaboration with a facility or program of another Federal department or agency.

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

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

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
“(1) The term ‘eligible veteran’ means a veteran who—

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

“(B) is—

“(i) receiving covered health care services from the Department; or

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

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

“(A) regular mental health care services;

“(B) intensive mental health care services;

or

“(C) such other intensive health care services that the Secretary determines that provision of assistance to the veteran to obtain child care would improve access to such health care services by the veteran.”.

(2) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1730A the following new item:
“1730B. Child care for veterans receiving mental health care and other intensive health care services.”.