

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 4310
OFFERED BY MR. CARSON OF INDIANA**

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 633. STUDY OF CURRENT AVAILABILITY OF COLLEGE**
2 **CREDIT FOR MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAIN-**
3 **ING, AND EXPERIENCES OF MEMBERS OF**
4 **THE ARMED FORCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF**
5 **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL COL-**
6 **LEGE CREDIT.**

7 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—Subject to subsection (d),
8 the Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study regarding
9 the award of academic credits by institutions of higher
10 education based on military occupational specialties held
11 by members of the Armed Forces and other learning expe-
12 riences of members during their service in the Armed
13 Forces. As part of the study, the Secretary shall determine
14 the types of academic credits typically awarded to mem-
15 bers of the Armed Forces and veterans upon admission,
16 and the additional course credits that could be awarded,
17 based on—

1 (1) the military occupational specialties held by
2 members;

3 (2) the educational opportunities and training
4 provided to such members; and

5 (3) other learning experiences associated with
6 service in the Armed Forces, including types of do-
7 mestic and overseas deployments, such as combat,
8 humanitarian, peace keeping, and disaster relief.

9 (b) ACADEMIC CREDIT PROCESSING RECOMMENDA-
10 TIONS.—Subject to subsection (d), on the basis of the
11 study conducted under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
12 make recommendations to institutions of higher education
13 regarding policies on awarding academic credit that can
14 be adopted to ensure that members of the Armed Forces
15 receive academic credits that accurately reflect the mili-
16 tary occupational specialties held by the members and the
17 military education and training and other learning experi-
18 ences gained during service in the Armed Forces.

19 (c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall conduct
20 the study under subsection (a) in consultation with—

21 (1) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the
22 Secretary of Education; and

23 (2) institutions of higher education and accredi-
24 tation organizations to establish a system of analysis
25 and accreditation that would allow for the expedited

1 awarding by institutions of higher education of aca-
2 demic credits earned by members.

3 (d) USE OF DIRECTIVES, INSTRUCTIONS, OR OTHER
4 PUBLICATIONS.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and
5 (b), the Secretary, in lieu of or in addition to conducting
6 a study under subsection (a), may use any relevant direc-
7 tives, instructions, or other publications of the Depart-
8 ment of Defense to make recommendations under sub-
9 section (b) or prepare a report under subsection (e).

10 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

11 (1) INITIAL REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS.—
12 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
14 gress a report containing the recommendations de-
15 veloped under subsection (b) regarding policies on
16 awarding academic credit to members of the Armed
17 Forces.

18 (2) PROGRESS REPORTS.—The Secretary of De-
19 fense shall submit to Congress an annual report on
20 the extent to which institutions of higher education
21 have adopted the recommendations.

22 (f) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION.—Not later than
23 180 days after making recommendations under subsection
24 (b), the Secretary shall—

1 (1) establish a process for soliciting, accepting,
2 and publishing and continuously updating on the
3 Internet website of the Department of Defense, in-
4 formation on the academic credit awarded by institu-
5 tions of higher education for the military occupa-
6 tional specialties held by members of the Armed
7 Forces, the military education and training, and
8 other learning experiences gained during service in
9 the Armed Forces, including information on—

10 (A) the institutions of higher education
11 that provide such academic credit;

12 (B) the recommendations with respect to
13 providing such academic credit made by the
14 Secretary to such institutions based on studies
15 conduct by the Secretary, and the results of the
16 study conducted under subsection (a), if avail-
17 able;

18 (C) whether and the extent to which such
19 institutions are following the recommendations
20 described in subparagraph (B); and

21 (D) the specific courses or course types for
22 which the institutions provide such academic
23 credit;

1 (2) publish and make publicly available such in-
2 formation on the Internet website of the Department
3 of Defense; and

4 (3) conduct outreach to ensure that members of
5 the Armed Forces (including members of the Na-
6 tional Guard and Reserves) are aware of the avail-
7 ability of such information.

8 (g) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

9 (1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
10 term “institution of higher education” has the
11 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
12 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

13 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Defense.

