

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. CORREA OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end of title LX the following new section:

1 **SEC. 60 \_\_\_\_ . CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS RE-**  
2 **CEIVING CERTAIN TRAINING OR VOCA-**  
3 **TIONAL REHABILITATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 3123. Child care assistance for veterans receiving**  
8 **training or vocational rehabilitation**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Except as provided in para-  
10 graph (2), the Secretary shall provide child care assistance  
11 to an eligible veteran for any period that the veteran—

12 “(A) receives any training or vocational reha-  
13 bilitation under this chapter, chapter 41, or section  
14 1718, 2021, or 2021A of this title; and

15 “(B) is required to travel to and return from a  
16 facility for the receipt of such training or vocational  
17 rehabilitation.

1           “(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the  
2 Secretary may only provide child care assistance under  
3 paragraph (1)—

4                   “(i) once for a child; and

5                   “(ii) for a period shorter than six months.

6           “(B) The Secretary may waive the limitations of sub-  
7 paragraph (A) as the Secretary considers appropriate.

8           “(b) ELIGIBLE VETERANS.—For purposes of this  
9 section, an eligible veteran is any veteran—

10                   “(1) who—

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

13                           “(B) is—

14                                   “(i) receiving training or vocational  
15 rehabilitation described in subsection  
16 (a)(1) on a full-time basis; or

17                                   “(ii) in need of such training or voca-  
18 tional rehabilitation on a full-time basis,  
19 and but for lack of child care services,  
20 would receive such training or vocational  
21 rehabilitation on a full-time basis; and

22                   “(2) whose family’s adjusted gross income does  
23 not exceed 85 percent of the median adjusted gross  
24 income of the State in which the veteran resides.

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

4               “(A) A stipend for the payment of child care of-  
5       ferred by a licensed child care center (either directly  
6       or through a voucher program).

7               “(B) Direct provision of child care at an on-site  
8       facility of the Department or the Department of  
9       Labor.

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

12              “(D) Such other form of assistance as the Sec-  
13       retary considers appropriate.

14       “(2) In the case that child care assistance under this  
15       section is provided as a stipend under paragraph (1)(A),  
16       such stipend—

17              “(A) shall cover the full cost of such child care  
18       and associated fees, including application fees and  
19       full day, full week, and full month requirements of  
20       the child care provider; and

21              “(B) such stipend shall be paid to the eligible  
22       veteran.

23       “(d) COORDINATION.—Whenever practicable, the  
24       Secretary shall coordinate with the heads of other Federal

1 agencies and with States and local entities in carrying out  
2 this section to ensure accessibility and continuity of care.

3 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
4 tion shall be construed to require any provider of child  
5 care to change the provider’s standard eligibility require-  
6 ments or practices.

7 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) Notwithstanding section 101 of this title,  
9 the term ‘child’ means—

10 “(A) a person—

11 “(i) who is under the age of 13 years;

12 or

13 “(ii)(I) who is under the age of 18  
14 years;

15 “(II) who is 13 years of age or older;

16 and

17 “(III) who is physically or mentally  
18 incapable of caring for themselves; or

19 “(B) such other person as the Secretary  
20 considers appropriate.

21 “(2) The term ‘licensed child care center’  
22 means a center-based child care provider, a family  
23 child care provider, or another provider of child care  
24 services for compensation on a regular basis, that is

1 licensed, regulated, or registered under Federal or  
2 State law.

3 “(3) The term ‘primary caretaker’, with respect  
4 to a child, means—

5 “(A) the parent of the child; or

6 “(B) such other individual as the Secretary  
7 considers appropriate.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
10 after the item relating to section 3122 the following new  
11 item:

“3123. Child care assistance for veterans receiving training or vocational reha-  
bilitation.”.

