

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT

At the appropriate place in subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10__ . ALIGNMENT OF JOB CORPS WITH THE DE-**
2 **FENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, acting
4 through the National Imperative for Industrial Skills pro-
5 gram of the Department of Defense (or a successor pro-
6 gram), shall—

7 (1) ensure that military recruits who are ineli-
8 gible for enlistment as a result of the requirements
9 of section 520 of title 10, United States Code, are
10 made aware of opportunities to enroll in the Job
11 Corps program authorized under subtitle C of title
12 I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
13 (29 U.S.C. 3191 et seq.) to receive training that—

14 (A) prepares enrollees for employment as
15 skilled industrial workers in the defense indus-
16 trial base in the State or local area in which a
17 Job Corps center is located and, to the extent
18 practicable, in the State or local area in which

1 enrollees intend to seek employment after grad-
2 uation; and

3 (B) includes programs of advanced career
4 training described in section 148(c) of the
5 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (20
6 U.S.C. 3198(c)) at existing Job Corps centers
7 or at new Job Corps centers in close proximity
8 to a shipyard or other defense industrial base
9 suppliers; and

10 (2) address shortages of skilled industrial work-
11 ers in the defense industrial base by supporting the
12 Job Corps program in offering training that aligns
13 with the needs of the defense industrial base, includ-
14 ing through investments in curricula development,
15 equipment, and facilities.

16 (b) EXTENSION OF SHIPBUILDING WORKFORCE DE-
17 VELOPMENT SPECIAL INCENTIVE TO JOB CORPS.—

18 (1) Section 8696(b)(2) of title 10, United
19 States Code is amended by adding at the end the
20 following:

21 “(G) The Job Corps program authorized
22 under subtitle C of title I of the Workforce In-
23 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3191
24 et seq.) or an operator of a Job Corps center
25 described in section 147 of the Workforce Inno-

1 vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
2 3197).”.

3 (2) Section 8696(c)(2) of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(H) The Job Corps program authorized
7 under subtitle C of title I of the Workforce In-
8 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3191
9 et seq.).”.

10 (c) JOB CORPS CONFORMING REFORMS.—Section
11 158(f) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
12 (29 U.S.C. 3208) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “may accept on behalf of the
14 Job Corps or individual Job Corps centers charitable
15 donations of cash” and inserting “(or the Secretary
16 of Agriculture, as appropriate) on behalf of the Job
17 Corps, or individual Job Corps Center, on behalf of
18 such center, may accept grants, charitable donations
19 of cash ,”; and

20 (2) by inserting at the end the following: “Not-
21 withstanding sections 501(b) and 522 of title 40,
22 United States Code, any property acquired by a Job
23 Corps center shall be directly transferred, on a non-
24 reimbursable basis, to the Secretary.”.

25 (d) OPERATIONS.—

1 (1) LOCAL AUTHORITY TO REALIGN TRADES.—
2 Section 151 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
3 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3201) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following:

5 “(d) LOCAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to the limitations
6 of the budget approved by the Secretary for a Job Corps
7 center, the operator of a Job Corps center shall have the
8 authority, without prior approval from the Secretary, to—

9 “(1) hire staff and provide staff professional de-
10 velopment;

11 “(2) set terms and enter into agreements with
12 Federal, State, or local educational partners, such as
13 secondary schools, institutions of higher education,
14 child development centers, units of Junior Reserve
15 Officer Training Corps programs established under
16 section 2031 of title 10, United States Code, or em-
17 ployers; and

18 “(3) engage with and educate stakeholders (in-
19 cluding eligible applicants for the Job Corps) about
20 Job Corps operations, selection procedures, and ac-
21 tivities.”.

22 (2) STREAMLINED ENROLLMENT OF VETERANS
23 AND MILITARY RECRUITS INTO THE DEFENSE IN-
24 DUSTRIAL BASE.—Section 144(b) of the Workforce

1 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
2 3194(b)) is amended—

3 (A) in the heading, by inserting “**AND**
4 **CERTAIN OTHER ARMED FORCES MEM-**
5 **BERS**” after “**VETERANS**”; and

6 (B) by inserting “or a member of the
7 Armed Forces eligible for preseparation coun-
8 seling under section 1142 of title 10, United
9 States Code” after “a veteran”.

