

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5___ . REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS TO**
2 **SUPPORT MILITARY RECRUITMENT, READI-**
3 **NESS, AND END STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Edu-
7 cation, shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
8 tees, the Committee on Education and Workforce of the
9 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Health,
10 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report
11 on opportunities to strengthen military recruitment and
12 support the readiness and end strength requirements of
13 the Armed Forces through partnerships with secondary
14 schools, institutions of higher education, and career and
15 technical education programs.

16 (b) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—The report required
17 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) An assessment of current and projected re-
2 cruiting challenges affecting the Armed Forces and
3 the ability of the military departments to meet au-
4 thorized end strength requirements.

5 (2) An assessment of the extent to which aca-
6 demic preparedness, physical fitness, workforce read-
7 iness, and awareness of military service opportuni-
8 ties impact the pool of qualified applicants available
9 to the Armed Forces.

10 (3) An evaluation of existing Department of
11 Defense engagement with secondary schools, institu-
12 tions of higher education, and career and technical
13 education programs and the effectiveness of such en-
14 gagement in supporting recruiting objectives and
15 military readiness.

16 (4) An assessment of the Junior Reserve Offi-
17 cers' Training Corps program and the Senior Re-
18 serve Officers' Training Corps program, including—

19 (A) participation levels and recent enroll-
20 ment trends;

21 (B) geographic distribution and accessi-
22 bility of those programs;

23 (C) barriers to program expansion, includ-
24 ing in areas experiencing recruiting shortfalls;
25 and

1 (D) opportunities to increase participation,
2 improve awareness of military service pathways,
3 and strengthen leadership development among
4 participants.

5 (5) An assessment of opportunities to expand
6 partnerships between the Department of Defense
7 and educational institutions to support recruitment
8 into mission-critical military career fields, including
9 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, cyber-
10 security, aviation, logistics, healthcare, artificial in-
11 telligence, and other fields identified by the Sec-
12 retary of Defense.

13 (6) Recommendations for improving coordina-
14 tion between the Department of Defense and the
15 Department of Education to increase awareness of
16 military service opportunities, scholarships, service
17 academies, Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
18 scholarships, military career pathways, and other
19 programs that support military recruiting and readi-
20 ness.

21 (7) An assessment of opportunities to align ex-
22 isting educational, workforce development, and ca-
23 reer readiness programs with current and projected
24 Armed Forces personnel requirements.

1 (8) Recommendations for legislative or adminis-
2 trative actions to strengthen the pipeline of qualified
3 applicants for military service and support long-term
4 military readiness and end strength requirements.

5 (9) Recommendations to increase the
6 attractiveness of military service as a career path
7 and form of public service, including recommenda-
8 tions to improve awareness of military career oppor-
9 tunities, expand pathways to service through the
10 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps and Senior
11 Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs,
12 strengthen educational and workforce development
13 partnerships, and increase the pool of qualified ap-
14 plicants available to meet military readiness and end
15 strength requirements.

16 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after submit-
17 ting the report required under subsection (a), the Sec-
18 retary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the congres-
19 sional defense committees on the findings and rec-
20 ommendations contained in the report.

21 (d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
22 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
23 a classified annex.

