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

SEC. 5. COAST GUARD JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) In general.—The Secretary may carry out a pilot program to establish and maintain a Coast Guard junior reserve officers’ training program in cooperation with Pinellas Park High School in Pinellas County, Florida.

(b) Program requirements.—The pilot program under subsection (a) shall provide to participating students at Pinellas Park High School—

(1) instruction in subject areas relating to operations of the Coast Guard; and

(2) training in skills which are useful and appropriate for a career in the Coast Guard.

(e) Provision of additional support.—To carry out the pilot program under this section, the Secretary may provide to Pinellas Park High School—
(1) assistance in course development, instruction, and other support activities; and
(2) necessary and appropriate course materials, equipment, and uniforms.

(d) Employment of Retired Coast Guard Personnel.—

(1) In general.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may authorize the Pinellas Park High School to employ, as administrators and instructors for the pilot program, retired Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve commissioned, warrant, and petty officers not on active duty who request such employment and who are approved by the Secretary and Pinellas Park High School.

(2) Authorized pay.—

(A) In general.—Retired Coast Guard officers employed under paragraph (1) shall be entitled to receive their retired or retainer pay and an additional amount of not more than the difference between—

(i) the amount the individual would be paid as pay and allowance if the individual was considered to have been ordered to active duty during the period of employment; and
(ii) the amount of retired pay the individual is entitled to receive during that period.

(B) Payment to School.—The Secretary shall pay to Pinellas Park High School an amount equal to one half of the amount described in subparagraph (A), from funds appropriated for such purpose.

(C) Special rule.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, while employed under this subsection, an individual is not considered to be on active-duty or inactive-duty training.

(e) Secretary Defined.—In this section, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.