

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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OFFERED BY MS. GARCIA OF TEXAS

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

1 SEC. 5___. PILOT PROGRAM ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
2 FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than one year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense shall carry out a pilot program under which
6 the Secretary makes grants, on a discretionary basis, to
7 qualified victims of domestic violence to assist such victims
8 in seeking refuge from an abuser.

9 (b) DISBURSEMENT.—A grant under subsection (a)
10 may be disbursed—

11 (1) as a single, lump sum payment; or

12 (2) in multiple payments at such times and in
13 such amounts as the Secretary determines appro-
14 priate.

15 (c) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—A qualified victim of do-
16 mestic violence may receive not more than a total of
17 \$7,500 in grants under subsection (a) during the victim’s
18 lifetime.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year prior to the
2 termination date specified in subsection (e), the Secretary
3 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
4 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-
5 port that—

6 (1) evaluates the effectiveness of the pilot pro-
7 gram under this section; and

8 (2) indicates whether the pilot program should
9 be continued or expanded.

10 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
11 pilot program under this section shall terminate six years
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall
14 prescribe regulations implementing this section.

15 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “domestic violence” means an act
17 described in section 928b of title 10, United States
18 Code (article 128b of the Uniform Code of Military
19 Justice).

20 (2) The term “qualified victim of domestic vio-
21 lence” means an individual who meets the following
22 criteria:

23 (A) The individual is a member of an
24 Armed Force or a spouse, intimate partner, or

1 immediate family member of a member of an
2 Armed Force.

3 (B) The individual reported an incident of
4 domestic violence to an organization or element
5 of the Department of Defense or to a civilian
6 law enforcement organization.

7 (C) The individual or a dependent of that
8 individual was an alleged victim of such inci-
9 dent.

10 (D) The individual demonstrates—

11 (i) an intent to seek refuge from the
12 alleged abuser; and

13 (ii) a need for financial assistance.

14 (h) FUNDING.—

15 (1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts
16 set forth in the funding tables in division D, the
17 amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301
18 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, as
19 specified in the corresponding funding table in sec-
20 tion 4301, for administration and service-wide activi-
21 ties, Office of the Secretary of Defense, line 490, is
22 hereby increased by \$5,000,000.

23 (2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set
24 forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount
25 authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for op-

1 eration and maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified
2 in the corresponding funding table in section 4301,
3 for administration and service-wide activities, Wash-
4 ington Headquarters Services, line 530, is hereby re-
5 duced by \$5,000,000.

