AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-10

OFFERED BY MS. GARCIA OF TEXAS

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

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

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

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

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

(2) in multiple payments at such times and in such amounts as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(e) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—A qualified victim of domestic violence may receive not more than a total of $7,500 in grants under subsection (a) during the victim’s lifetime.
(d) REPORT.—Not later than one year prior to the termination date specified in subsection (e), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that—

(1) evaluates the effectiveness of the pilot program under this section; and

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

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

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

(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

(2) The term “qualified victim of domestic violence” means an individual who meets the following criteria:

(A) The individual is a member of an Armed Force or a spouse, intimate partner, or
immediate family member of a member of an Armed Force.

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

(C) The individual or a dependent of that individual was an alleged victim of such incident.

(D) The individual demonstrates—

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

(ii) a need for financial assistance.

(h) FUNDING.—

(1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for administration and service-wide activities, Office of the Secretary of Defense, line 490, is hereby increased by $5,000,000.

(2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for op-
eration and maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified
in the corresponding funding table in section 4301,
for administration and service-wide activities, Wash-
ington Headquarters Services, line 530, is hereby re-
duced by $5,000,000.