

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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At the end of subtitle G of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PILOT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
2 **TO TRANSITION TO THE DEFENSE MANUFAC-**  
3 **TURING SECTOR GENERAL AND ADVANCED**  
4 **MANUFACTURING EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY**  
5 **LARGE-SCALE EMPLOYER CLOSURES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall,  
7 subject to the availability of appropriations, carry out a  
8 pilot program to award grants on a competitive basis to  
9 eligible entities to transition to the defense manufacturing  
10 sector dislocated workers affected by large-scale employer  
11 closures who at any time were laid during the two-year  
12 period beginning on the date on which appropriations are  
13 first made available for the purposes of this section.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) DISLOCATED WORKER.—The term “dis-  
16 located worker” has the meaning given such term by  
17 section 3(15) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-  
18 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102(15)).

1 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible enti-  
3 ty” means a State-based governmental or non-  
4 profit entity that works with the defense indus-  
5 trial base to conduct retraining and other devel-  
6 opment activities, with the goal of placing indi-  
7 viduals in jobs within the industry.

8 (B) DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE.—The  
9 term “defense industrial base” has the meaning  
10 given such term by section 702(6) of the De-  
11 fense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
12 4552(6)).

13 (C) CERTIFICATION OF STATUS.—An enti-  
14 ty may not be treated as an eligible entity  
15 under subparagraph (A) unless the entity sub-  
16 mits to the Secretary a certification of the enti-  
17 ty’s governmental or 501(c)(3) status.

18 (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under subsection  
19 (a), the Secretary shall give priority to States, regions,  
20 and counties in which a large employer closure is located  
21 and which is within reasonable driving distance of a de-  
22 fense manufacturing facility.

23 (d) SUNSET.—The Secretary may not award grants  
24 under the program carried out under this section after the

- 1 date that is 2 years after the date on which appropriations
- 2 are first made available for the purposes of this section.

