

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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

1 **SEC. 6___. PILOT PROGRAM ON JOB TRAINING FOR MILI-**
2 **TARY SPOUSES.**

3 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense
4 shall carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary
5 establishes a training center to provide employment-re-
6 lated training and educational resources to military
7 spouses.

8 (b) SELECTION OF LOCATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
10 shall select a location for the training center under
11 subsection (a) based on consideration of applications
12 submitted by local governments with priority given
13 to cities or localities that host large military installa-
14 tions and have comparatively large populations of
15 military spouses.

16 (2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for selection
17 under paragraph (1), a local government shall sub-
18 mit to the Secretary of Defense an application at

1 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
2 formation as the Secretary determines appropriate.

3 At a minimum, such application shall include—

4 (A) the information necessary for the Sec-
5 retary to make the determination under para-
6 graph (1); and

7 (B) a description of the network of local
8 partners that will be available to the training
9 center as described in subsection (c)(5).

10 (c) RESOURCES.—The training center established
11 under subsection (a) shall provide employment-related
12 training and educational resources to military spouses, in-
13 cluding—

14 (1) general educational opportunities;

15 (2) vocational certificate programs in industry
16 sectors and occupations that are in-demand and
17 transferable;

18 (3) other professional training;

19 (4) job placement assistance; and

20 (5) access to education and employment oppor-
21 tunities through a network of local partners con-
22 sisting of—

23 (A) one or more accredited institutions of
24 higher education offering a 4-year program of

1 study for which the institution awards bach-
2 elor's degree;

3 (B) one or more community colleges;

4 (C) a local chamber of commerce or a simi-
5 lar business association;

6 (D) one or more local employers; and

7 (E) such other organizations as the local
8 government determines appropriate.

