

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18\_\_\_. REPORT ON GENDER DISPARITIES IN DEPART-**  
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLAIMS BASED**  
3 **ON PRESUMPTIONS OF SERVICE-CONNEC-**  
4 **TION.**

5 Not later than May 1, 2024, the Secretary of Vet-  
6 erans Affairs, in coordination with the National Academies  
7 of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, where appro-  
8 priate, shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Af-  
9 fairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report  
10 on gender disparities in the approval by the Department  
11 of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under the laws  
12 administered by the Secretary based on a presumption of  
13 service-connection. Such report shall address, for the five-  
14 year period preceding the date of the enactment of this  
15 Act, each of the following:

16 (1) The total number of claims for benefits  
17 under the laws administered by the Secretary based

1 on a presumption of service-connection that were  
2 filed during such period.

3 (2) The total number of such claims that were  
4 approved.

5 (3) An evaluation of such claims filed by women  
6 veterans, sorted by the condition for which there is  
7 a presumption of service-connection, in percentages.

8 (4) An evaluation of such claims by women vet-  
9 erans that were approved, sorted by the condition  
10 for which there is a presumption of service-con-  
11 tion, in percentages.

12 (5) An evaluation of such claims filed by male  
13 veterans, sorted by the condition for which there is  
14 a presumption of service-connection, in percentages.

15 (6) An evaluation of such claims by male vet-  
16 erans that were approved, sorted by the condition  
17 for which there is a presumption of service-con-  
18 tion, in percentages.

19 (7) An assessment of such claims filed and such  
20 claims approved where female reproductive cancer is  
21 the condition for which there is a presumption of  
22 service-connection, to reflect which reproductive can-  
23 cers are most common in female veterans subjected  
24 to toxic exposures.

1           (8) An assessment of such claims filed and such  
2           claims awarded where male reproductive cancer is  
3           the condition for which there is a presumption of  
4           service-connection, to reflect which reproductive can-  
5           cers are most common in male veterans subjected to  
6           toxic exposures.

7           (9) A review of the current list of female repro-  
8           ductive cancer for which there is a presumption of  
9           service-connection compared to other harmful repro-  
10          ductive health outcomes that veterans may suffer  
11          due to toxic exposures.

12          (10) A review of harmful reproductive condi-  
13          tions for which there is no presumption of service-  
14          connection that—

15                  (A) may be caused by toxic exposures; and

16                  (B) may negatively affect the ability of a  
17          person to have children.

18          (11) Recommendations to expand the list of  
19          conditions for which there is a presumption of serv-  
20          ice-connection to further support the reproductive  
21          health of male and female veterans.

