

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle A of title XVII insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_ . WIC AVAILABILITY FOR MEMBERS UNDER-**  
2 **GOING A PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION.**

3 (a) NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL WIC ELIGI-  
4 BILITY.—

5 (1) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—In the case of a  
6 covered member of the Armed Forces, the Secretary  
7 of Defense shall, subject to paragraph (2), notify  
8 such covered member with respect to the potential  
9 eligibility of such covered member to participate in  
10 the special supplemental nutrition program for  
11 women, infants, and children established under sec-  
12 tion 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
13 U.S.C. 1786).

14 (2) TIMING OF NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary  
15 of Defense shall notify a covered member of the  
16 Armed Forces under paragraph (1)—

17 (A) to the maximum extent practicable,  
18 not later than 30 days before the applicable

1 mandatory report date of such covered member;

2 or

3 (B) as soon as practicable after an applica-  
4 ble permanent change of station order is issued  
5 with respect to such covered member.

6 (3) COVERED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES  
7 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “covered  
8 member of the Armed Forces” means an enlisted  
9 member of the Armed Forces who—

10 (A) is undergoing a permanent change of  
11 station;

12 (B) has one or more dependents; and

13 (C)(i) is serving an initial term of enlist-  
14 ment;

15 (ii) is serving in a paygrade of E-4 or  
16 below; or

17 (iii) has completed less than 10 years of  
18 service as a member of the Armed Forces and  
19 is serving in a paygrade of E-5 or E-6.

20 (b) MANDATORY REASSESSMENT OF INCOME ELIGI-  
21 BILITY MID-CERTIFICATION FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE  
22 MEMBERS.—Section 17(d)(2) of the Child Nutrition Act  
23 of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)) is amended by adding at  
24 the end the following:

1           “(E) MANDATORY REASSESSMENT OF INCOME ELI-  
2 GIBILITY MID-CERTIFICATION FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERV-  
3 ICE MEMBERS.—In the case of an active duty member of  
4 the Armed Forces (as such term is defined in section 101  
5 of title 10, United States Code) who is a participant and  
6 undergoing a permanent change of station, a State agency  
7 shall—

8           “(i) reassess the income eligibility of such indi-  
9 vidual, regardless of whether such reassessment oc-  
10 curs during a certification period; and

11           “(ii) for a period of 90 days beginning on the  
12 first day of such permanent change of station—

13           “(I) treat such individual and every partici-  
14 pant who is a member of the family of such in-  
15 dividual as presumptively eligible to participate  
16 in the program; and

17           “(II) provide to such individual and each  
18 such family member a Verification of Certifi-  
19 cation card that is effective for such 90-day pe-  
20 riod.”.

21           (c) WIC OFFICES AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—  
22 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment  
23 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that  
24 each military installation is staffed at least 3 days a week  
25 by an employee of a State agency (as defined in section

1 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786))  
2 or, if such an individual is unavailable, by appropriate  
3 military personnel, as determined by the Secretary, to pro-  
4 vide to members of the Armed Forces information relating  
5 to the special supplemental nutrition program for women,  
6 infants, and children established under such section 17,  
7 including information relating to—

8 (1) the notification required under subsection  
9 (a); and

10 (2) the mandatory reassessment required under  
11 subparagraph (E) of section 17(d)(2) of the Child  
12 Nutrition Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)), as  
13 added by subsection (b).

