

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 1106, line 16, strike “and”.

Page 1106, line 21, strike the period and insert “;
and”.

Page 1106, after line 21, insert the following new
paragraph:

1 (6) including Department of Defense personnel
2 who are women in security cooperation activities of
3 the United States conducted abroad.

Page 1107, after line 8, insert the following new
subsections and redesignate the subsequent subsections
accordingly:

4 (e) PILOT PROGRAM.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
6 coordination with the Secretary of State—

7 (A) shall direct and carry out a pilot pro-
8 gram to conduct partner country assessments
9 referred to in subsection (d) on barriers to the
10 participation of women in the national security

1 forces of participating partner countries (in this
2 subsection referred to as a “pilot barrier assess-
3 ment”);

4 (B) in carrying out such pilot program,
5 shall seek to enter into contracts with nonprofit
6 organizations or federally funded research and
7 development centers independent of the Depart-
8 ment of Defense for the purpose of conducting
9 the pilot barrier assessments; and

10 (C) after a pilot barrier assessment is con-
11 ducted, shall—

12 (i) review the methods of research and
13 analysis used by any entity contracted with
14 pursuant to subparagraph (B) in con-
15 ducting such assessment and identify les-
16 sons learned from the review; and

17 (ii) assess the ability of the Depart-
18 ment of Defense to conduct future pilot
19 barrier assessments without entering into a
20 contract pursuant to subparagraph (B), in-
21 cluding by assessing potential costs and
22 benefits for the Department that may arise
23 from conducting such future assessments.

24 (2) SELECTION OF COUNTRIES.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-
2 fense, in consultation with the commanders of
3 the combatant commands and relevant United
4 States ambassadors, shall select one partner
5 country from within the geographic area of re-
6 sponsibility of each geographic combatant com-
7 mand for participation in the pilot program.

8 (B) CONSIDERATION.—In making the se-
9 lection under subparagraph (A), the dem-
10 onstrated political commitment of the partner
11 country to increasing the participation of
12 women in the security sector and the national
13 security priorities and theater campaign strate-
14 gies of the United States shall be considered.

15 (3) PILOT BARRIER ASSESSMENT.—A pilot bar-
16 rier assessment under this subsection shall be—

17 (A) adapted to the local context of the
18 partner country being assessed;

19 (B) conducted in collaboration with the se-
20 curity sector of the partner country being as-
21 sessed; and

22 (C) based on tested methodologies.

23 (4) FINDINGS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-
25 fense should use findings from each pilot bar-

1 rier assessment to inform effective security co-
2 operation activities and security sector assist-
3 ance interventions by the United States in the
4 partner country assessed. Such activities and
5 interventions shall substantially increase oppor-
6 tunities for the recruitment, employment, devel-
7 opment, retention, deployment, and promotion
8 of women in the national security forces of such
9 partner country (including for deployments to
10 peace operations and for participation in
11 counterterrorism operations and activities).

12 (B) MODEL METHODOLOGY.—The Sec-
13 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Sec-
14 retary of State, shall develop a model barrier
15 assessment methodology from the findings of
16 the pilot program for use across the geographic
17 combatant commands.

18 (5) REPORTS ON PILOT PROGRAM.—

19 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than two
20 years after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination
22 with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the
23 appropriate committees of Congress an initial
24 report on the implementation of the pilot pro-
25 gram under this subsection, including an identi-

1 fication of the partner counties selected for par-
2 ticipation in the program and the justifications
3 for such selections.

4 (B) UPDATE TO REPORT.—Not later than
5 two years after the date on which the initial re-
6 port under subparagraph (A) is submitted, the
7 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the
8 Secretary of State, shall submit to the appro-
9 priate committees of Congress an update to the
10 initial report.

11 (C) REPORT ON METHODOLOGY.—On the
12 date on which the Secretary of Defense deter-
13 mines the pilot program to be complete, the
14 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the
15 Secretary of State, shall submit to the appro-
16 priate committees of Congress a report on the
17 model barrier assessment methodology devel-
18 oped under paragraph (4)(B).

19 (f) BUILDING UNITED STATES CAPACITY.—

20 (1) MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.—Con-
21 sistent with subsection (c)(6), the Secretary of De-
22 fense shall make every effort to encourage the ad-
23 mission of diverse individuals (including individuals
24 who are women) to each military service academy,
25 including by—

1 (A) establishing programs that hold com-
2 manding officers accountable for removing bi-
3 ases with respect to such individuals;

4 (B) ensuring that each military service
5 academy fosters a zero tolerance environment
6 for harassment towards such individuals; and

7 (C) ensuring that each military service
8 academy fosters equal opportunities for growth
9 that enable the full participation of such indi-
10 viduals in all training programs, career tracks,
11 and elements of the Department, especially in
12 elements of the Armed Forces previously closed
13 to women, such as infantry and special oper-
14 ations forces.

15 (2) PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS AND NON-
16 PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense
17 shall make every effort to enter into partnerships
18 with elementary schools, secondary schools, postsec-
19 ondary educational institutions, and nonprofit orga-
20 nizations, to support activities relating to the imple-
21 mentation of the Women, Peace, and Security Act of
22 2017.

Page 1108, line 7, strike “and”.

Page 1108, line 11, strike the period and insert “;
and”.

Page 1108, after line 11, insert the following new paragraph:

1 (4) build the capacity of the Department to
2 conduct the partner country assessments referred to
3 in subsection (d).

Page 1109, after line 13, insert the following new paragraphs:

4 (3) The terms “elementary school” and “sec-
5 ondary school” have the meanings given those terms
6 in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary
7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

8 (4) The term “postsecondary educational insti-
9 tution” has the meaning given that term in section
10 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-
11 cation Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

