

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 7___.** **STUDY ON ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION BY**
2 **MEMBERS OF CERTAIN ARMED FORCES AND**
3 **THEIR DEPENDENTS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall conduct a study on access of members of the covered
7 Armed Forces and their dependents to the contraceptive
8 of their choice.

9 (b) **CONTENTS.**—The study required by subsection
10 (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) An analysis of the number of members of
12 the covered Armed Forces who report not being able
13 to access the contraceptive of their choice in a timely
14 manner due to barriers such as—

15 (A) limited contraceptive options available
16 at military medical treatment facilities;

1 (B) limited number of providers or avail-
2 ability of providers at military medical treat-
3 ment facilities;

4 (C) dependents and retirees seeking care
5 at military medical treatment facilities;

6 (D) scheduling challenges; or

7 (E) temporary duty assignments, field
8 training exercises, details, or military training
9 operational tempo.

10 (2) An analysis of the number of dependents of
11 members of the covered Armed Forces who report
12 not being able to access the contraceptive of their
13 choice in a timely manner.

14 (3) An assessment of the reasons members of
15 the covered Armed Forces and their dependents can-
16 not access the contraceptive of their choice, includ-
17 ing challenges that are preventing the military
18 health system from providing a full range of contra-
19 ceptives at all duty locations.

20 (4) The steps the Secretary of Defense is tak-
21 ing to ensure that the military health system pro-
22 vides a full range of contraceptives at all duty loca-
23 tions.

24 (5) An analysis of whether the military health
25 system is fulfilling the policy of the Defense Health

1 Agency of requiring enough of the chosen contracep-
2 tive of a member of the covered Armed Forces for
3 a full deployment for such member, including by
4 mail without delay or cost-sharing when necessary.

5 (6) A summary of processes in place to ensure
6 members of the covered Armed Forces and their de-
7 pendents can continue using their chosen contracep-
8 tive when transferring duty locations, including an
9 assessment of the challenges such members, depend-
10 ents, and the Department of Defense are facing to
11 facilitate continued access to contraception.

12 (7) Steps needed to ensure all members of the
13 covered Armed Forces and their dependents can ac-
14 cess the contraceptive of their choice.

15 (c) COVERED ARMED FORCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
16 tion, the term “covered Armed Force” means the Army,
17 Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.

