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

SEC. 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND SCHOOL CHOICE FOR MILITARY DEPENDENT STUDENTS.

(a) EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a program under which the Secretary shall—

(1) at the request of a member of the Armed Forces who is the parent of a dependent child, establish an account on behalf of such child into which the Secretary shall deposit funds in an amount equal to the per-pupil cost of educating such child at a school operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity for an academic year; and

(2) establish a procedure under which the parent of the child may use funds in the account to pay for the educational expenses of the child, which may include payment of costs for the child to attend a
public or private elementary or secondary school as described in subsection (c).

(b) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving funds under subsection (a) for an academic year, the parent of a child who is eligible to attend a school operated by the Department of Defense Activity shall agree not to enroll the child in such school for such academic year.

(c) SCHOOL CHOICE.—In conjunction with the establishment of the education savings accounts under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, States, and local educational agencies, shall establish a procedure under which a student with an education savings account may attend a public or private elementary or secondary school chosen by the parent of such student in lieu of attending a school operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “elementary school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary school”, and “State” have the meanings given those terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).