

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle F of title V, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 560. TRANSITION OUTREACH PILOT PROGRAM.

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
3 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in
4 coordination with the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs,
5 Labor, Education, and Homeland Security, and the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Small Business Administration, shall
7 establish a pilot program through the Transition to Vet-
8 erans Program Office that fosters contact between vet-
9 erans and the Department of Defense.

10 (b) CONTACT.—The Secretary of Defense, and with
11 respect to members of the Coast Guard, the Secretary of
12 the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating
13 when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, shall
14 direct the Military Transition Assistance Teams of the De-
15 partment of Defense to contact each veteran from the
16 Armed Forces at least twice during each of the first three
17 months after the veteran separates from the Armed
18 Forces to—

1 (1) inquire about the transition of the separated
2 member to civilian life, including—

3 (A) employment;

4 (B) veterans benefits;

5 (C) education;

6 (D) family life; and

7 (2) hear concerns of the veteran regarding tran-
8 sition.

9 (c) TERMINATION.—The Secretary shall complete op-
10 eration of the pilot program under this section not later
11 than September 30, 2019.

12 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after termi-
13 nation of the pilot program under this section, the Sec-
14 retary of Defense shall submit a report to Congress re-
15 garding such pilot program, including the following,
16 disaggregated by armed force:

17 (1) The number of veterans contacted, includ-
18 ing how many times such veterans were contacted.

19 (2) Information regarding the age, sex, and ge-
20 ographic region of contacted veterans.

21 (3) Concerns most frequently raised by the vet-
22 erans.

23 (4) What benefits the contacted veterans have
24 received, and an estimate of the cost to the Federal
25 Government for such benefits.

1 (5) How many contacted veterans are employed
2 or have sought employment, including what fields of
3 employment.

4 (6) How many contacted veterans are enrolled
5 or have sought to enroll in a course of education, in-
6 cluding what fields of study.

7 (7) Recommendations for legislation to improve
8 the long-term effectiveness of TAP and the well-
9 being of veterans.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “armed force” has the meaning
12 given that term in section 101 of title 10, United
13 States Code.

14 (2) The term “TAP” means the Transition As-
15 sistance Program under sections 1142 and 1144 of
16 title 10, United States Code.

17 (3) The term “veteran” has the meaning given
18 that term in section 101 of title 38, United States
19 Code.

