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Add at the end of subtitle C of title VII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . STUDY ON EARNING BY SPECIAL OPERATIONS**
2 **FORCES MEDICS OF CREDITS TOWARDS A**
3 **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DEGREE.**

4 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct
5 a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of estab-
6 lishing partnerships between special operations forces and
7 institutions of higher education, and health care systems
8 if determined appropriate by the Secretary, through which
9 special operations forces medics earn credit toward the
10 master’s degree of physician assistant for military oper-
11 ational work and training performed by the medics.

12 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under subsection (a)
13 shall include the following:

14 (1) The feasibility with respect to establishing
15 partnerships described in subsection (a) that permit
16 medics to conduct clinical training at medical facili-
17 ties of the Department of Defense and the civilian
18 sector in order to meet the increasing demand for

1 highly trained health care providers at such facili-
2 ties.

3 (2) How partnerships described in subsection
4 (a) will ensure that the evaluation of work and train-
5 ing performed by medics for which credits are
6 earned comply with civilian clinical evaluation stand-
7 ards applicable to the awarding of master's degrees
8 of physician assistant.

9 (3) How the Secretary can leverage the physi-
10 cian assistant program at the Uniformed Services
11 University to coordinate such partnerships and as-
12 sist with credits.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
16 Senate and the House of Representative a report on the
17 study under subsection (a).

