

AMENDMENT TO RULE COMM. PRINT 119-8
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1 At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 17____. HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State, act-
5 ing through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Af-
6 fairs, shall carry out, in each fiscal year, the following per-
7 manent programs of the Department of State:

8 (1) The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange,
9 first established in 1983, which shall, in partnership
10 with the Government of Germany, create opportuni-
11 ties for study and work abroad for United States
12 and German high school students, recent high school
13 students with a vocational interest, and young pro-
14 fessionals.

15 (2) The Future Leaders Exchange Program,
16 first established in 1993, which shall offer merit-
17 based scholarships to high school students in the
18 South Caucasus region, the Baltic region, Central
19 Asia, Central Europe, Ukraine, and Moldova to en-

1 able them to attend high school in the United States
2 for an academic year while living with a host family.

3 (3) The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and
4 Study Program, first established in 2002, which
5 shall create merit-based opportunities for—

6 (A) students from the United States to en-
7 able them to study in the Western Balkans re-
8 gion, the Middle East, North Africa, or South
9 Asia; and

10 (B) students from predominantly Muslim
11 countries in the regions referred to in subpara-
12 graph (A) to enable them to attend high school
13 in the United States, while living with a host
14 family and engaging in community service and
15 civic education opportunities.

16 (4) The National Security Language Initiative
17 for Youth, first established in 2006, which shall en-
18 able high school students from the United States to
19 study (abroad or online) critical languages that are
20 necessary to strengthen United States' national se-
21 curity and economic competitiveness.

22 (b) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Each initiative described
23 in subsection (a) shall include, to the extent practicable—

24 (1) full academic-year scholarships for United
25 States and partner-country high school students;

- 1 (2) placement with host families in the partner
- 2 country or the United States, as applicable;
- 3 (3) enrollment and attendance at local schools;
- 4 and
- 5 (4) programming to foster cross-cultural under-
- 6 standing, leadership, and civic engagement.

