

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 1024, after line 6, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1706. STUDY ON UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF WOMEN**
2 **VETERANS WHO SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN**
3 **THE ARMED FORCES AFTER SEPTEMBER 11,**
4 **2001.**

5 (a) STUDY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the
9 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of
10 Labor, shall conduct a study on why Post-9/11 Vet-
11 erans who are women are at higher risk of unem-
12 ployment than all other groups of women veterans
13 and their non- veteran counterparts.

14 (2) CONDUCT OF STUDY.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
16 conduct the study under paragraph (1) pri-
17 marily through the Center for Women Veterans

1 under section 318 of title 38, United States
2 Code.

3 (B) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the
4 study conducted under paragraph (1), the Sec-
5 retary may consult with—

6 (i) the Department of Labor;

7 (ii) other Federal agencies, such as
8 the Department of Defense, the Office of
9 Personnel Management, and the Small
10 Business Administration;

11 (iii) foundations; and

12 (iv) entities in the private sector.

13 (3) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—The study con-
14 ducted under paragraph (1) shall include, with re-
15 spect to Post-9/11 Veterans who are women, at a
16 minimum, an analysis of the following:

17 (A) Rank at time of separation from the
18 Armed Forces.

19 (B) Geographic location upon such separa-
20 tion.

21 (C) Educational level upon such separa-
22 tion.

23 (D) The percentage of such veterans who
24 enrolled in an education or employment training
25 program of the Department of Veterans Affairs

1 or the Department of Labor after such separa-
2 tion.

3 (E) Industries that have employed such
4 veterans.

5 (F) Military occupational specialties avail-
6 able to such veterans.

7 (G) Barriers to employment of such vet-
8 erans.

9 (H) Causes to fluctuations in employment
10 of such veterans.

11 (I) Current employment training programs
12 of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the
13 Department of Labor that are available to such
14 veterans.

15 (J) Economic indicators that impact unem-
16 ployment of such veterans.

17 (K) Health conditions of such veterans
18 that could impact employment.

19 (L) Whether there are differences in the
20 analyses conducted under subparagraphs (A)
21 through (K) based on the race of such veteran.

22 (M) The difference between unemployment
23 rates of Post-9/11 Veterans who are women
24 compared to unemployment rates of Post-9/11

1 Veterans who are men, including an analysis of
2 potential causes of such difference.

3 (b) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
5 completing the study under subsection (a), the Sec-
6 retary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans'
7 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Vet-
8 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a re-
9 port on such study.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
11 graph (1) shall include the following:

12 (A) The analyses conducted under sub-
13 section (a)(3).

14 (B) A description of the methods used to
15 conduct the study under subsection (a).

16 (C) Such other matters relating to the un-
17 employment rates of Post-9/11 Veterans who
18 are women as the Secretary considers appro-
19 priate.

20 (c) POST-9/11 VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
21 the term “Post-9/11 Veteran” means a veteran who
22 served on active duty in the Armed Forces on or after
23 September 11, 2001.

