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

SEC. 6. REPORT ON AT-HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE; FEASIBILITY STUDY.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 39 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on at-home child care programs offered by each military department. Such report shall include—

(1) an identification of the number of such at-home child care programs that have opened, closed, or relocated during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the date that this three years after such date;

(2) a summary of difficulties, if any, experienced by military spouses employed at such at-home child care programs with respect to—
(A) obtaining necessary certifications or licences; and

(B) opening, closing, or relocating such an at-home child care program; and

(3) a summary of effects, if any, that the opening, closing, or relocation of such an at-home child care program has on the employment rate of military spouses residing in geographic proximity to such at-home child care program.

(b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a feasibility study on—

(A) standardizing the requirements of each military department relating to licensing and certification for at-home child care providers;

(B) removing barriers, if any, to the expansion of at-home child care programs described in subsection (a); and

(C) supporting the employment of military spouses in such at-home child care programs.

(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the submission of the report under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
House of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes the findings of such feasibility study.