

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-19
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At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 567. ASSESSMENT AND STUDY OF TRANSITION ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ONE-YEAR INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE
4 EFFECTIVENESS OF TAP.—

5 (1) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—Not later
6 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consulta-
8 tion with the covered officials, shall enter into an
9 agreement with an appropriate entity with experi-
10 ence in adult education to carry out a 1-year inde-
11 pendent assessment of TAP, including—

12 (A) the effectiveness of TAP for members
13 of each military department during the entire
14 military life cycle;

15 (B) the appropriateness of the TAP career
16 readiness standards;

17 ©) a review of information that is provided
18 to the Department of Veterans Affairs under
19 TAP, including mental health data;

1 (D) whether TAP effectively addresses the
2 challenges veterans face entering the civilian
3 workforce and in translating experience and
4 skills from military service to the job market;

5 (E) whether TAP effectively addresses the
6 challenges faced by the families of veterans
7 making the transition to civilian life;

8 (F) appropriate metrics regarding TAP
9 outcomes for members of the Armed Forces one
10 year after separation, retirement, or discharge
11 from the Armed Forces;

12 (G) what the Secretary, in consultation
13 with the covered officials and veterans service
14 organizations determine to be successful out-
15 comes for TAP;

16 (H) whether members of the Armed Forces
17 achieve successful outcomes for TAP, as deter-
18 mined under subparagraph (G);

19 (I) how the Secretary and the covered offi-
20 cials provide feedback to each other regarding
21 such outcomes;

22 (J) recommendations for the Secretaries of
23 the military departments regarding how to im-
24 prove outcomes for members of the Armed

1 Forces after separation, retirement, and dis-
2 charge; and

3 (K) other topics the Secretary and the cov-
4 ered officials determine would aid members of
5 the Armed Forces as they transition to civilian
6 life.

7 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 completion of the independent assessment under
9 paragraph (1), the Secretary and the covered offi-
10 cials, shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’
11 Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
12 and the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
13 ate and House of Representatives—

14 (A) the findings and recommendations (in-
15 cluding recommended legislation) of the inde-
16 pendent assessment prepared by the entity de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1); and

18 (B) responses of the Secretary and the
19 covered officials to the findings and rec-
20 ommendations described in subparagraph (G).

21 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (A) The term “covered officials” is com-
23 prised of—

24 (I) the Secretary of Defense;

25 (ii) the Secretary of Labor;

1 (iii) the Administrator of the Small
2 Business Administration; and

3 (iv) the Secretaries of the military de-
4 partments.

5 (B) The term “military department” has
6 the meaning given that term in section 101 of
7 title 10, United States Code.

8 (b) LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON CHANGES TO TAP.—

9 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
11 Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secre-
12 taries of Defense and Labor and the Administrator
13 of the Small Business Administration, shall conduct
14 a five-year longitudinal study regarding TAP on
15 three separate cohorts of members of the Armed
16 Forces who have separated from the Armed Forces,
17 including—

18 (A) a cohort that has attended TAP coun-
19 seling as implemented on the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act;

21 (B) a cohort that attends TAP counseling
22 after the Secretaries of Defense and Labor im-
23 plement changes recommended in the report
24 under subsection a(2); and

1 ©) a cohort that has not attended TAP
2 counseling.

3 (2) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 90
4 days after the day that is one year after the date of
5 the initiation of the study under paragraph (1) and
6 annually thereafter for the three subsequent years,
7 the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and
8 Labor, and the Administrator of the Small Business
9 Administration, shall submit to the Committees on
10 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
11 resentatives and the Committees on Armed Services
12 of the Senate and House of Representatives a
13 progress report of activities under the study during
14 the immediately preceding year.

15 (3) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the completion of the study under paragraph
17 (1), the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense,
18 and Labor, and the Administrator of the Small
19 Business Administration, shall submit to the Com-
20 mittees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and
21 House of Representatives and the Committees on
22 Armed Services of the Senate and House of Rep-
23 resentatives a report of final findings and rec-
24 ommendations based on the study.

1 (4) ELEMENTS.—The final report under para-
2 graph (3) shall include information regarding the
3 following:

4 (A) The percentage of each cohort that re-
5 ceived unemployment benefits during the study.

6 (B) The numbers of months members of
7 each cohort were employed during the study.

8 ©) Annual starting and ending salaries of
9 members of each cohort who were employed
10 during the study.

11 (D) How many members of each cohort en-
12 rolled in an institution of higher learning, as
13 that term is defined in section 3452(f) of title
14 38, United States Code.

15 (E) The academic credit hours, degrees,
16 and certificates obtained by members of each
17 cohort during the study.

18 (F) The annual income of members of each
19 cohort.

20 (G) The total household income of mem-
21 bers of each cohort.

22 (H) How many members of each cohort
23 own their principal residences.

24 (I) How many dependents that members of
25 each cohort have.

1 (J) The percentage of each cohort that
2 achieves a successful outcome for TAP, as de-
3 termined under subsection (1)(G).

4 (K) Other criteria the Secretaries and the
5 Administrator of the Small Business Adminis-
6 tration determine appropriate.

