

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of title II, at the following new section:

1 **SEC. 2 ____ . ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF HACKING**
2 **FOR DEFENSE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The MD5 Hacking for Defense Program
5 enables universities nationwide to provide valuable
6 entrepreneurial and innovation education to stu-
7 dents, providing formal training for scientists and
8 engineers to pursue careers in business or govern-
9 ment organizations.

10 (2) The MD5 Hacking for Defense Program is
11 successful in part due to its focus on ensuring that
12 government problems are well-defined and suitable
13 for university courses, ensuring that educators are
14 trained and certified in course methodology and cur-
15 riculum, and providing an ecosystem of government
16 and corporate mentors to student teams to enhance
17 their education and access to clients familiar with
18 specific problems.

1 (3) Hacking for Defense programs provide a
2 unique pathway for veteran students to leverage
3 their military expertise to solve rapidly emerging na-
4 tional security challenges while learning cutting-edge
5 business innovation methodology.

6 (4) The MD5 Hacking for Defense Program’s
7 success in the early stages of the innovation con-
8 tinuum should be expanded to offer training to uni-
9 versities nationwide, and government personnel and
10 organizations charged with innovation.

11 (b) ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF HACKING
12 FOR DEFENSE PROGRAM.—

13 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of De-
14 fense is authorized to establish a Hacking for De-
15 fense Program under which the Secretary may obli-
16 gate or expend up to \$15,000,000 to support univer-
17 sity-based entrepreneurial education programs, in-
18 cluding—

19 (A) materials to recruit veterans for such
20 programs;

21 (B) model curriculum for such programs;

22 (C) training materials for such programs;

23 and

24 (D) best practices for the conduct of such
25 programs.

1 (2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out para-
2 graph (1), the Secretary of Defense may consult
3 with the heads of such Federal agencies, univer-
4 sities, and public and private entities engaged in the
5 development of advanced technologies as the Sec-
6 retary determines to be appropriate.

7 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of Defense
8 shall—

9 (A) develop and maintain eligibility criteria
10 for programs to become recognized as Hacking
11 for Defense education sites; and

12 (B) ensure that any recipient of a grant
13 under the Small Business Technology Transfer
14 program or the Small Business Innovation Re-
15 search program has the option to participate in
16 training under the MD5 Hacking for Defense
17 Program.

