

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle G of title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5___ . GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPLEMENT THE TRAN-**
2 **SITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than one year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Defense shall carry out a program to award multiyear
7 grants to entities described in subsection (b) that provide
8 to covered individuals the services described in subsection
9 (c).

10 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—To be eligible to receive a grant
11 under the pilot program, an entity shall—

12 (1) be a private, nonprofit organization;

13 (2) have a record of successfully providing ca-
14 reer services (including job placement) or job train-
15 ing;

16 (3) have rigorous evaluation practices that indi-
17 cate efficiency;

1 (4) have partnerships with entities (such as em-
2 ployers, governmental agencies, and nonprofit enti-
3 ties) to provide services described in subsection (c);
4 and

5 (5) be able to train online to reach rural par-
6 ticipants and reduce costs.

7 (c) SERVICES.—Grants awarded under this section
8 shall be used to provide, at no cost to a covered individual,
9 the following services:

10 (1) Assessment of education, work history, and
11 employment goals, to determine appropriate employ-
12 ment services.

13 (2) Preparation for civilian employment, includ-
14 ing mock interviews, salary negotiation training, use
15 of professional networking platforms, or company re-
16 search.

17 (3) Providing industry-specific learning path-
18 ways that—

19 (A) focus on stable, high-demand fields as
20 determined by labor market information;

21 (B) help a covered individual choose a ca-
22 reer pathway and navigate training require-
23 ments;

1 (C) help a covered individual apply skills
2 acquired in the Armed Forces to a civilian ca-
3 reer;

4 (D) include one-on-one assistance from a
5 career services professional or academic advisor;
6 and

7 (E) include coursework or other forms of
8 education and training required for industry-
9 recognized credentials and certifications.

10 (4) Job placement.

11 (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
12 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to an entity whose
13 program outcomes have been independently verified by a
14 third-party.

15 (e) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this program,
16 the Secretary of Defense shall consult with other Federal
17 entities, including—

18 (1) the Office of Transition and Economic De-
19 velopment of the Department of Veterans Affairs;
20 and

21 (2) the Veterans Employment and Training
22 Service of the Department of Labor.

23 (f) PERFORMANCE METRICS.—The Secretary of De-
24 fense shall establish metrics for the pilot program, includ-
25 ing—

1 (1) the number of covered individuals who re-
2 ceive and complete skills training;

3 (2) the number of covered individuals who se-
4 cure employment;

5 (3) the job retention rate for covered individ-
6 uals described in paragraph (2); and

7 (4) the median salary of covered individuals de-
8 scribed in paragraph (2).

9 (g) ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE EXPANSION.—Each
10 grantee under this section shall submit to the Secretary
11 an assessment of the feasibility of expanding the services
12 offered under the grant program to—

13 (1) members of the reserve components of the
14 Armed Forces; and

15 (2) covered individuals located outside the
16 United States.

17 (h) TERMINATION.—The authority to provide a grant
18 under this section shall terminate on the date that is three
19 years after the date on which the Secretary implements
20 the grant program under this section.

21 (i) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the ter-
22 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense
23 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
24 port that includes—

1 (1) a description of specific activities carried
2 out under this section;

3 (2) the metrics and evaluations used to assess
4 the effectiveness of the grant program; and

5 (3) a summary of the assessments submitted to
6 the Secretary under subsection (g).

7 (j) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this section,
8 the term “covered individual” means—

9 (1) a member of the Armed Forces partici-
10 pating in the Transition Assistance Program of the
11 Department of Defense under sections 1142 and
12 1144 of title 10, United States Code; or

13 (2) a spouse of a member described in subpara-
14 graph (A).

