

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-36
OFFERED BY MR. MCCORMICK OF GEORGIA

Strike section 565 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 565. TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR**
3 **AND PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the
7 Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is
8 operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy,
9 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall carry out a
10 pilot program to be known as the “Employment Navigator
11 and Partnership Pilot Program”. The pilot program shall
12 supplement the program under section 1144 of title 10,
13 United States Code.

14 (b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pilot program
15 under this section, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation
16 with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the depart-
17 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating when it is
18 not operating as a service in the Navy, and the Secretary
19 of Veterans Affairs, shall—

1 (1) seek to enter into contracts with public, pri-
2 vate, and nonprofit entities under which such enti-
3 ties provide individualized employment counseling
4 for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses;

5 (2) prioritize entering into contracts with quali-
6 fied private entities that have experience providing
7 instruction to members of the Armed Forces eligible
8 for assistance under the pilot program carried out
9 under this section on—

10 (A) private sector culture, resume writing,
11 career networking, and training on job search
12 technologies;

13 (B) academic readiness and educational
14 opportunities; or

15 (C) other relevant topics, as determined by
16 the Secretary;

17 (3) prioritize entering into a contract with a
18 qualified private entity that is an existing Employ-
19 ment Navigator and Partnership Pilot Program
20 partner with experience integrating members of the
21 Armed Forces into local communities across the en-
22 tire nation, to:

23 (A) Lead the program in clause (2) and,
24 following person-to-person interactions and dis-
25 cussions with the individuals seeking assistance,

1 provide referrals to the organizations under
2 contract with the Secretary based on the Armed
3 Forces member or veterans preferences, geo-
4 graphic location, and other factors;

5 (B) Provide comprehensive wrap-around
6 services to the those individuals receiving assist-
7 ance under this title, to include services with
8 other matters related to transition, and remain
9 in contact with the individuals through person-
10 to-person engagements throughout the process;

11 (iii) Provide close coordination with
12 contracted organizations and follow-up
13 communications with those enrolled in the
14 Employment Navigator and Partnership
15 Pilot Program to ensure a smooth transi-
16 tion;

17 (iv) Ensure the Secretary is provided
18 with appropriate data on referrals, out-
19 comes, and issues that arise to enable
20 proper oversight of the program;

21 (4) give a preference to any private entity
22 that—

23 (A) has a national or international geo-
24 graphical area of service;

1 (B) provides multiple forms of career as-
2 sistance and placement services to—

3 (i) active duty members of the Armed
4 Forces;

5 (ii) spouses of active duty members of
6 the Armed Forces;

7 (iii) veterans; and

8 (iv) spouses of veterans;

9 (C) provides services to at least 1,000 indi-
10 viduals who are—

11 (i) active duty members of the Armed
12 Forces;

13 (ii) spouses of active duty members of
14 the Armed Forces;

15 (iii) veterans; or

16 (iv) spouses of veterans;

17 (D) has continuously, for at least the
18 three-year period immediately preceding the
19 date of the contract, provided services to indi-
20 viduals who are—

21 (i) active duty members of the Armed
22 Forces;

23 (ii) spouses of active duty members of
24 the Armed Forces;

25 (iii) veterans; and

1 (iv) spouses of veterans; and

2 (E) has a demonstrated record of success
3 in providing assistance with employment serv-
4 ices, as indicated by—

5 (i) the average wages or earnings of
6 people who receive employment services
7 provided by the entity;

8 (ii) prior completion of Federal grants
9 or contracts;

10 (iii) having at least 75 percent of its
11 participants find full-time employment
12 within six months of initially receiving em-
13 ployment services provided by the entity;
14 and

15 (iv) other employment performance in-
16 dicators, as determined by the Secretary;
17 and

18 (5) seek to enter into contracts with not fewer
19 than 10, but not more than 60, private entities
20 under which each such entity is compensated at a
21 rate agreed upon between the Secretary and the en-
22 tity for each individual who receives employment
23 services provided by the entity and is in unsub-
24 sidized employment during the second quarter after
25 exit from the program; and

1 (6) conduct such other activities as may be nec-
2 essary for the delivery of individualized employment
3 counseling and other employment services under this
4 section.

5 (c) REPORT.—Not later than October 1 of each year
6 during the term of the pilot program, the Secretary of
7 Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the
8 Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is
9 operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy,
10 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to the
11 Committees on Armed Services, the Committee on Trans-
12 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
13 tives, and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
14 ate and House of Representatives a report on the pilot
15 program under this section, including the employment out-
16 comes for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses
17 who receive employment services under the program on
18 the following indicators of performance—

19 (1) the percentage of program participants who
20 are in unsubsidized employment during the second
21 quarter after exit from the program;

22 (2) the percentage of program participants who
23 are in unsubsidized employment during the fourth
24 quarter after exit from the program; and

1 (3) the median earnings of program partici-
2 pants who are in unsubsidized employment during
3 the second quarter after exit from the program.

4 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
5 nate five years after the date on which the Secretary of
6 Labor begins to carry out the pilot program.

