

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5** ____ . **PILOT PROGRAM ON EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL**
2 **CHOICE FOR FAMILIES OF FULL-TIME, AC-**
3 **TIVE-DUTY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES IN THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense may
6 carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary pro-
7 vides financial assistance to a full-time, active duty mem-
8 ber of the Armed Forces in the United States to support
9 the choices of the member for the education of a depend-
10 ent of the member, including financial assistance for costs
11 of the dependent associated with—

12 (1) attending a private elementary or secondary
13 school, a faith-based school, or a public charter
14 school;

15 (2) providing educational training aids to a
16 home-schooled student; or

1 (3) other costs as determined appropriate by
2 the Secretary.

3 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the pilot program
4 under this section are—

5 (1) to evaluate the demand, feasibility, and
6 scalability of expanded educational choice for de-
7 pendents of members of the Armed Forces; and

8 (2) to assess the impact of the pilot program on
9 military and family readiness.

10 (c) DURATION OF PROGRAM.—The authority of the
11 Secretary of Defense to carry out the pilot program under
12 this section shall terminate after the 2030–2031 school
13 year.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “dependent” means a minor indi-
16 vidual—

17 (A) who has not completed secondary
18 school; and

19 (B) who is the child, stepchild, adopted
20 child, ward, or spouse of a sponsor, or who is
21 a resident in the household of a sponsor who
22 stands in loco parentis to such individual and
23 who receives one-half or more of their support
24 from such sponsor.

1 (2) The term “home-schooled student” has the
2 meaning given such term in section 2164(l)(2) of
3 title 10, United States Code.

4 (3) The term “United States” has the meaning
5 given such term in section 101(a)(1) of title 10,
6 United States Code.

