AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54

OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN

Page 1348, insert after line 23 the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 5806. COREY ADAMS GREEN ALERT SYSTEMS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MISSING VETERAN.—The term “missing veteran” means an individual who—

(A) is reported to, or identified by, a law enforcement agency as a missing person;

(B) is a veteran; and

(C) meets the requirements to be designated as a missing veteran, as determined by the State in which the individual is reported or identified as a missing person.

(2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
(3) GREEN ALERT.—The term “Green Alert” means an alert issued through the Green Alert communications network, related to a missing veteran.

(4) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” means an individual who is currently serving or a former member who served in the United States Armed Forces, including National Guard, or a Reserve or auxiliary unit from any branch of the Armed Forces.

(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall provide financial and technical assistance to a State that has established or has under consideration legislation to establish a Green Alert or other system specifically dedicated to locating missing veterans or active duty members of the Armed Forces (or both), to help ensure the effective use of those systems to successfully find and recover current or former members of the Armed Forces.

(c) CONTENT OF ASSISTANCE.—Such assistance shall include—

(1) helping the State develop, revise, or update criteria for issuing such alerts, including on when to issue such alerts, training to provide to law enforcement on interacting with veterans or service members, and provide recommendations on how best to
protect the privacy, dignity, and independence of
veterans or service members who are the subject of
such alerts;

(2) providing assistance to the State on pro-
tecting the privacy of veterans and service
members, including sensitive medical information,
as such alerts are issued;

(3) designating officials to serve or participate
on any advisory committees established by the State
or local governments to provide oversight of Green
Alert systems dedicated to finding missing veterans;

(4) for those veterans recovered by such sys-
tems, helping ensure such veterans are connected to
any services provided by the Department of Veterans
Affairs or the Department of Defense to which they
are entitled as a result of their service, including
housing and healthcare;

(5) providing public education on these systems
to military or veteran communities in such States,
including on facilities of the Department of Veterans
Affairs or the Department of Defense located in
such States;

(6) supporting efforts to train State and local
law enforcement who issue such alerts and search
for such individuals on the unique needs of veterans
and service members; and

(7) ensuring officials of the Department of Vet-
erans Affairs or the Department of Defense in such
States are aware of Green Alerts, understand how
they work, and integrate them with any plan for lo-
cating missing veterans at a base or facility of the
Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department
of Defense.

(d) USE OF EXISTING MECHANISMS.—To the max-
imum extent possible, the Secretaries shall use, existing
mechanisms, including advisory committees and programs,
to meet the requirements of this section.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
are authorized to be appropriated $2,000,000 for fiscal
year 2023 to carry out this section.