

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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In subtitle C of title VII, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 746. STUDY AND REPORT ON CHILD AND FORCED**
2 **MARRIAGES.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense (in this Act
4 referred to as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a study on
5 the effect of State laws on child marriages and forced mar-
6 riages. Such study shall include an evaluation of the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (1) State laws with respect to the minimum age
9 required to receive a marriage license and exceptions
10 to such minimum age requirement, including in the
11 cases of parental consent, judicial approval, emanci-
12 pation, and pregnancy.

13 (2) The effect of legislative reforms on—

14 (A) State laws described in paragraph (1);

15 and

16 (B) the number of child marriages in—

1 (i) each State that has enacted excep-
2 tions to such minimum age requirement;
3 and

4 (ii) States that are adjacent to a State
5 described in clause (i).

6 (3) The difficulty of obtaining data from each
7 State with respect to child marriages.

8 (4) The extent to which exceptions to the min-
9 imum age requirement increase the number of child
10 marriages that also qualify as a forced marriage.

11 (5) The extent to which child marriage leads
12 to—

13 (A) domestic violence;

14 (B) dating violence;

15 (C) sexual assault; and

16 (D) sex trafficking.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 year after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete the
19 study under subsection (a) and submit to Congress a re-
20 port containing the findings of the study, including infor-
21 mation that is disaggregated by age and gender.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
24 the several States, the District of Columbia, each

1 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
2 States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

3 (2) CHILD MARRIAGE.—The term “child mar-
4 riage” means a marriage in which a party to the
5 marriage has not attained the age of 18 at the time
6 of the marriage.

7 (3) FORCED MARRIAGE.—The term “forced
8 marriage” means a marriage that takes place with-
9 out the full and free consent of one or both parties
10 and typically involves force, fraud, or coercion.

