

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5___. STUDY OF PROCESS FOR WAIVING DISQUALI-**
2 **FICATIONS OF PERSONS SEEKING TO BE-**
3 **COME MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
4 **WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A DE-**
5 **PRESSIVE DISORDER OR AN ANXIETY DIS-**
6 **ORDER.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct
8 a study on the processes used by the Secretaries of the
9 military departments to waive the disqualification of a per-
10 son seeking to become a member of the Armed Forces who
11 would otherwise be disqualified under Department of De-
12 fense Instruction 6130.03, Volume 1 (relating to medical
13 standards for military service: appointment, enlistment or
14 induction), as in effect on the date of the enactment of
15 this Act, due to a diagnosis of a depressive disorder or
16 an anxiety disorder that included outpatient care (includ-
17 ing counseling) that was required for longer than 12 cu-

1 cumulative months as described in sections 6.28(f)(1) and
2 6.28(q)(1) of such Instruction, respectively.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2027,
4 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees
5 on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and
6 the Senate a report containing the results of the study
7 required by subsection (a). Such report shall include—

8 (1) a description of the process used by each
9 Armed Force to waive a disqualification described in
10 subsection (a) and a description of the differences in
11 process among the Armed Forces;

12 (2) for each Armed Force for each of fiscal
13 years 2021 through 2026—

14 (A) the number of requests for a waiver of
15 a disqualification described in subsection (a)
16 that were made by a person seeking to become
17 a member of such Armed Force;

18 (B) the number of requests for such a
19 waiver that were made by a person who is a
20 member of a military family;

21 (C) the number of requests for such a
22 waiver that were made by a person who is a
23 member of a military family and was a youth
24 caregiver for another family member;

1 (D) the number of requests for described
2 in subparagraph (A) that were approved by the
3 Secretary of the military department concerned;

4 (E) the number of requests for described
5 in subparagraph (B) that were approved by the
6 Secretary of the military department concerned;

7 and

8 (F) the number of requests for described
9 in subparagraph (C) that were approved by the
10 Secretary of the military department concerned;

11 (3) recommendations for legislation to support
12 the mental health of youth caregivers that are mem-
13 bers of military families and the recruitment into the
14 Armed Forces of such caregivers who seek to become
15 members of the Armed Forces.

