

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of subtitle J of title V the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . STUDY AND REPORT ON REFORMS TO CERTAIN**
2 **GRACE PERIODS UNDER TRANSITION ASSIST-**
3 **ANCE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **DEFENSE.**

5 (a) **STUDY.**—The Undersecretary of Defense for Per-
6 sonnel and Readiness shall conduct a comprehensive study
7 on military grace period reforms, specifically focusing on
8 the impact of unit tasking during TAP on the ability of
9 servicemembers to transition to civilian life. The study
10 shall include the following elements:

11 (1) A review of the current practices within the
12 military branches regarding unit tasking during
13 TAP and its effect on service members' transition
14 process.

15 (2) An analysis of the challenges faced by serv-
16 ice members when balancing their primary duties
17 with the demands of TAP including the impact on

1 their mental health, family life, and overall pre-
2 paredness for civilian life.

3 (3) An assessment of current military grace pe-
4 riods that allow for unplanned periods of leave, tem-
5 porary duty, deployments, or other unplanned peri-
6 ods of non-availability, and an evaluation of the ef-
7 fectiveness of the such current military grace peri-
8 ods.

9 (4) Recommendations for the creation of a code
10 or policy that allows servicemembers who are cur-
11 rently enrolled in TAP to report in only to their re-
12 spective command, ensuring that such
13 servicemembers can fully focus on the transition
14 process.

15 (5) A description of any necessary resources,
16 support systems, or additional training required to
17 implement the proposed reforms effectively.

18 (6) Any other relevant information or rec-
19 ommendations deemed necessary by the Undersecre-
20 tary of Defense to improve TAP and facilitate a suc-
21 cessful transition for servicemembers.

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
23 of the study, the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-
24 sonnel and Readiness shall submit to the Committees on

1 Armed Services of the House of Representative and the
2 Senate a report that includes—

3 (1) the findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
4 tions resulting from the study under subsection (a);
5 and

6 (2) a comprehensive plan of action, including
7 proposed timelines, milestones, and resource require-
8 ments, for the implementation of the recommended
9 military grace period reforms under such subsection.

10 (c) COORDINATION.—The Undersecretary of Defense
11 for Personnel and Readiness may request and utilize the
12 support of other relevant government agencies, as appro-
13 priate, in conducting such study.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) The term “military grace period reforms”
16 refers to a set of changes or amendments made to
17 existing laws or policies that establish a designated
18 period of time, commonly known as a grace period,
19 during certain administrative processes or restric-
20 tions that may apply to service members in transi-
21 tion.

22 (2) The term “TAP” means the Transition As-
23 sistance Program of the Department of Defense

1 under sections 1142 and 1144, of title 10, United
2 States Code.

