

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XXVIII, the following new section:

1 **SEC. 28__.** **STUDY ON UNIFIED FACILITIES CRITERIA**
2 **GUIDELINES RELATING TO MODEL HOUSING**
3 **CODES.**

4 (a) **STUDY.**—Not later than 18 months after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
6 United States, in coordination with the Director of the
7 National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense, and the Secretary of Housing and
9 Urban Development shall conduct a study that examines
10 the costs and benefits associated with revising the Unified
11 Facilities Criteria/DoD Building Code (UFC 1–200–01)
12 to allow the use of point-access block design for covered
13 projects .

14 (b) **CONTENTS.**—The study required by subsection
15 (a) shall—

16 (1) examine whether such a revision would—

1 (A) increase the quality of available and
2 affordable military housing through the con-
3 struction of new military housing;

4 (B) have an effect on the rental housing
5 market located near military installations;

6 (C) result in a reduction in the amount ex-
7 pended for the basic allowance for subsistence
8 under section 402 of title 37, United States
9 Code;

10 (D) result in fewer members of the Armed
11 Forces seeking private housing by reducing bar-
12 riers to building additional units of covered
13 military unaccompanied housing (as defined in
14 section 2856 of title 10, United States Code) or
15 military family housing;

16 (E) affect design and construction costs of
17 covered military unaccompanied housing in the
18 United States or military family housing that is
19 Government-owned and Government-controlled
20 in the United States; and

21 (F) improve the feasibility of commencing
22 covered projects on sites or lots that would oth-
23 erwise be difficult to develop;

24 (2) assess, with respect to the use of point-ac-
25 cess block design—

1 (A) life safety outcomes, including a com-
2 parison of such outcomes with outcomes in cov-
3 ered projects that does not use point-access
4 block design;

5 (B) fire safety improvements, including
6 sprinkler coverage, smoke detection, ventilation,
7 and building egress performance; and

8 (3) compare the fire loss outcomes for covered
9 projects that use point-access block design with cov-
10 ered projects that do not use point-access block de-
11 sign.

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General, in
14 coordination with the Director of the National Institute
15 of Standards and Technology, the Secretary of Defense,
16 and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
17 shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the
18 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the
19 study conducted under subsection (a) that includes—

20 (1) a summary of actions that the Secretary of
21 Defense may take to update the Unified Facilities
22 Criteria/DoD Building Code (UFC 1–200–01) to
23 allow the use of point-access block design for mili-
24 tary construction projects; and

1 (2) any other recommendations relating to the
2 use of point-access block design for military con-
3 struction projects.

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “covered project” means a resi-
6 dential or mixed use military construction project
7 (as defined under section 2801 of title 10, United
8 States Code).

9 (2) The term “military family housing” means
10 housing provided under subchapter II of chapter 169
11 of title 10, United States Code.

12 (3) The term “point-access block building”
13 means a Group R–2 occupancy residential structure,
14 as such term is defined by the most recent edition
15 of the International Building Code, in which a single
16 internal stairway provides access and egress for all
17 dwelling units in a building that is not greater than
18 six stories in height.

