

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of subtitle B of title VII the following:

1 **SEC. 7___ . AUTHORITY FOR PILOT PROGRAM FOR PART-**
2 **NERSHIPS WITH NON-FEDERAL ENTITIES TO**
3 **TREAT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
4 **FOR DISORDERS RELATED TO MILITARY SEX-**
5 **UAL TRAUMA.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense may
7 carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and ad-
8 visability of using intensive outpatient programs to treat
9 members of the Armed Forces suffering disorders (includ-
10 ing post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, and
11 depression) resulting from military sexual trauma (as such
12 term is defined in section 1166 of title 38, United States
13 Code).

14 (b) **PARTNERSHIPS.**—A pilot program authorized by
15 subsection (a) shall be carried out through partnerships
16 with public, private, and non-profit health care organiza-
17 tions, universities, and institutions that—

1 (1) provide health care to members of the
2 Armed Forces;

3 (2) provide evidence-based treatment for psy-
4 chological and neurological conditions that are com-
5 mon among members of the Armed Forces (includ-
6 ing post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain
7 injury, substance abuse, and depression);

8 (3) provide health care, support, and other ben-
9 efits to family members of members of the Armed
10 Forces; and

11 (4) provide health care under the TRICARE
12 program (as such term is defined in section 1072 of
13 title 10, United States Code).

14 (c) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Each organization or in-
15 stitution that participates in a partnership under the pilot
16 program authorized by subsection (a) shall—

17 (1) carry out intensive outpatient programs of
18 short duration to treat members as described in sub-
19 section (a);

20 (2) use evidence-based and evidence-informed
21 treatment strategies in carrying out such programs;

22 (3) share clinical and outreach best practices
23 with other organizations and institutions partici-
24 pating in the pilot program; and

1 (4) annually assess outcomes for members of
2 the Armed Forces individually and among the orga-
3 nizations and institutions participating in the pilot
4 program with respect to the treatment of conditions
5 described in paragraph (1).

6 (d) EVALUATION METRICS.—Before commencement
7 of the pilot program, the Secretary shall establish metrics
8 to be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot pro-
9 gram and the activities under the pilot program.

10 (e) REPORTS.—

11 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
14 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
15 tives a report on any pilot program established
16 under subsection (a). Such a report shall include a
17 description of the pilot program and such other mat-
18 ters on the pilot program as the Secretary deter-
19 mines appropriate.

20 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the termination of the pilot program under
22 subsection (f), the Secretary shall submit to the
23 committees of Congress referred to in paragraph (1)
24 a report on the pilot program. The report shall in-
25 clude the following:

1 (A) A description of the pilot program, in-
2 cluding the partnerships under the pilot pro-
3 gram as described in subsection (b).

4 (B) An assessment of the effectiveness of
5 the pilot program and the activities under the
6 pilot program.

7 (C) Such recommendations for legislative
8 or administrative action as the Secretary deter-
9 mines appropriate in light of the pilot program,
10 including recommendations for extension or
11 making permanent the authority for the pilot
12 program.

13 (f) TERMINATION.—The Secretary may not carry out
14 the pilot program authorized by subsection (a) after the
15 date that is three years after the date of the enactment
16 of this Act.

