

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MS. SCHRIER OF WASHINGTON

At the end of subtitle G of title V of the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5** ____. **IMPROVEMENTS TO PARTNER CRITERIA OF THE**
2 **MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT PARTNER-**
3 **SHIP PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **EVALUATION; UPDATES.**—Not later than 160
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall evaluate the partner criteria set
7 forth in the Military Spouse Employment Partnership
8 Program and implement updates that the Secretary deter-
9 mines will improve such criteria without diminishing the
10 need for partners to exhibit sound business practices,
11 broad diversity efforts, and relative financial stability.
12 Such updates shall expand the number of the following
13 entities that meet such criteria:

14 (1) Institutions of primary, secondary, and
15 higher education.

16 (2) Software and coding companies.

17 (3) Local small businesses.

18 (4) Companies that employ telework.

1 (b) NEW PARTNERSHIPS.—Upon completion of the
2 evaluation under subsection (a), the Secretary, in coopera-
3 tion with the Department of Labor, shall seek to enter
4 into agreements with entities described in paragraphs (1)
5 through (4) of subsection (a) that are located near mili-
6 tary installations (as that term is defined in section 2687
7 of title 10, United States Code).

8 (c) REVIEW; REPORT.—Not later than one year after
9 implementation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
10 review updates under subsection (a) and publish a report
11 regarding such review on a publicly-accessible website of
12 the Department of Defense. Such report shall include the
13 following:

14 (1) Military spouse employment rates related to
15 types of entities described in subsection (a).

16 (2) Application rates, website clicks, and other
17 basic metrics that measure the interest level of mili-
18 tary spouses in types of entities described in sub-
19 section (a).

20 (3) Recommendations for increasing military
21 spouse employment opportunities in the types of en-
22 tities described in subsection (a).

