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

SEC. 5. IMPROVEMENTS TO PARTNER CRITERIA OF THE MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) EVALUATION; UPDATES.—Not later than 160 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall evaluate the partner criteria set forth in the Military Spouse Employment Partnership Program and implement updates that the Secretary determines will improve such criteria without diminishing the need for partners to exhibit sound business practices, broad diversity efforts, and relative financial stability. Such updates shall expand the number of the following entities that meet such criteria:

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

(2) Software and coding companies.

(3) Local small businesses.

(4) Companies that employ telework.
(b) NEW PARTNERSHIPS.—Upon completion of the evaluation under subsection (a), the Secretary, in cooperation with the Department of Labor, shall seek to enter into agreements with entities described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) that are located near military installations (as that term is defined in section 2687 of title 10, United States Code).

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

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

(2) Application rates, website clicks, and other basic metrics that measure the interest level of military spouses in types of entities described in subsection (a).

(3) Recommendations for increasing military spouse employment opportunities in the types of entities described in subsection (a).