

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of subtitle B of title XXVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 28___ . CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION WHEN**
2 **MAKING BASING DECISIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2883 of the William M.
4 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
5 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 1781b
6 note) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (j)
8 as subsections (f) through (k), respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection (e):

11 “(e) EDUCATION.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With regard to a military
13 housing area in which an installation subject to a
14 basing decision covered by subsection (a) is or will
15 be located, the Secretary of the military department
16 concerned shall take into account the extent to
17 which high-quality public education is available and
18 accessible to dependents of members of the Armed

1 Forces in the military housing area by comparing
2 progress of students served by relevant local edu-
3 cational agencies described in paragraph (4) under
4 the statewide accountability system described in sec-
5 tion 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
6 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311) as compared
7 to the progress of all students in such State under
8 such system.”.

9 “(2) PUBLICATION OF DATA.—The Secretary of
10 the military department concerned shall make the
11 data used in carrying out paragraph (1) available to
12 the public in a manner that ensures that States and
13 communities can understand the process for making
14 decisions under such paragraph.

15 “(3) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out para-
16 graph (1) with respect to an installation subject to
17 a basing decision covered by subsection (a), the Sec-
18 retary of the military department concerned shall
19 consult with and seek input from leadership and
20 education liaisons for the installation and State,
21 local, and Tribal education agencies.

22 “(4) RELEVANT LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
23 CIES DESCRIBED.—Relevant local educational agen-
24 cies described in this paragraph include—

1 “(A) local educational agencies that serve
2 dependents of members of the Armed Forces in
3 the State in which the military housing area de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1) is located; and

5 “(B) local educational agencies in such
6 State that serve or would be likely to serve a
7 significant number or percentage of dependents
8 of members of the Armed Forces in the military
9 housing area described in paragraph (1) as de-
10 termined by the Secretary of the military de-
11 partment concerned, in consultation with the
12 education liaisons for the installation described
13 in such paragraph.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of
15 such section is amended by striking “subsection (e)” and
16 inserting “subsection (f)”.

