

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. SMUCKER OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . STRATEGY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN MENTAL**  
2 **HEALTH PROVIDERS.**

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit  
5 to the congressional defense committees a report that—

6 (1) describes the shortage of mental health pro-  
7 viders of the Department of Defense;

8 (2) explains the reasons for such shortage;

9 (3) explains the effect of such shortage on  
10 members of the Armed Forces; and

11 (4) contains a strategy to better recruit and re-  
12 tain mental health providers, including with respect  
13 to psychiatrists, psychologists, mental health nurse  
14 practitioners, licensed social workers, and other li-  
15 censed providers of the military health system.

