

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7____. REPORT ON OPERATIONAL MEDICAL AND**
2 **DENTAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.**

3 Not later than January 1, 2021, the Secretary of De-
4 fense shall submit to the congressional defense committees
5 a report containing a discussion of the following:

6 (1) Methods—

7 (A) to establish joint planning assumptions
8 for the development of operational medical and
9 dental personnel, including establishing a defi-
10 nition of which personnel may be identified as
11 “operational”;

12 (B) to assess options to achieve joint effi-
13 ciencies in medical and dental personnel re-
14 quirements, including any associated risks;

15 (C) to apply joint planning assumptions
16 and assess efficiencies and risks, for the pur-
17 pose of determining operational medical and
18 dental requirements;

1 (D) to identify and mitigate limitations in
2 the clinical readiness metric, such as data reli-
3 ability, information on reserve component pro-
4 viders and patient care workload performed out-
5 side of military medical treatment facilities es-
6 tablished under section 1073d of title 10,
7 United States Code, and the linkage between
8 such metric and patient care and retention out-
9 comes; and

10 (E) to determine which critical wartime
11 specialties perform high-risk, high-acuity proce-
12 dures and rely on perishable skill sets, for the
13 purpose of prioritizing such specialties to which
14 the clinical readiness metric may be expanded.

15 (2) Estimates of the costs and benefits relating
16 to—

17 (A) providing additional training for med-
18 ical personnel to achieve clinical readiness
19 thresholds; and

20 (B) hiring additional civilian personnel in
21 military medical treatment facilities to backfill
22 medical providers of the Department of Defense
23 who attend such training.

