

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle E of title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF MILI-**
2 **TARY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE ORGANIZA-**
3 **TIONS TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOI-**
4 **TATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
7 shall establish an initiative on improving the capacity of
8 military criminal investigative organizations to prevent
9 child sexual exploitation. Under the initiative, the Sec-
10 retary shall work with an external partner to train military
11 criminal investigative organization officials at Department
12 of Defense installations from all military departments re-
13 garding—

14 (1) online investigative technology, tools, and
15 techniques;

16 (2) computer forensics;

17 (3) complex evidentiary issues;

18 (4) child victim identification;

1 (5) child victim referral for comprehensive in-
2 vestigation and treatment services; and

3 (6) related instruction.

4 (b) PARTNERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS.—Under the
5 initiative, the Secretary shall develop partnerships and es-
6 tablish collaborative agreements with the following:

7 (1) The Department of Justice, Office of the
8 Attorney General, in better coordinating the inves-
9 tigative jurisdictions and law enforcement authori-
10 ties of the military criminal investigative organiza-
11 tions, and in improving the justice community’s un-
12 derstanding of those law enforcement authorities to
13 enforce Federal criminal statutes.

14 (2) Federal criminal investigative organizations
15 responsible for enforcement of Federal criminal stat-
16 utes related to combatting child sexual exploitation,
17 in order to ensure a streamlined process for trans-
18 ferring criminal investigations into child exploitation
19 to other jurisdictions, while maintaining the integrity
20 of the evidence already collected.

21 (3) A highly qualified national child protection
22 organization or law enforcement training center with
23 demonstrated expertise in the delivery of law en-
24 forcement training—

1 (A) to detect, identify, investigate, and
2 prosecute individuals engaged in the trading or
3 production of child pornography and the online
4 solicitation of children; and

5 (B) to train military criminal investigative
6 organization officials at Department of Defense
7 installations from all military departments.

8 (4) A highly qualified national child protection
9 organization with demonstrated expertise in the de-
10 velopment and delivery of multidisciplinary interven-
11 tion training including evidence-based forensic inter-
12 viewing, victim advocacy, trauma-informed mental
13 health services, medical services, and multidisci-
14 plinary coordination between the Department of De-
15 fense and civilian experts to improve outcomes for
16 victims of child sexual exploitation.

17 (5) Children's Advocacy Centers located in the
18 same communities as military installations that co-
19 ordinate the multidisciplinary team response and
20 child-friendly approach to identifying, investigating,
21 prosecuting, and intervening in child sexual exploi-
22 tation cases that can partner with military installa-
23 tions on law enforcement, child protection, prosecu-
24 tion, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy to
25 investigate sexual exploitation, help children heal

1 from sexual exploitation, and hold offenders account-
2 able.

3 (6) State and local authorities to address law
4 enforcement capacity in communities where military
5 installations are located, and to prevent lapses in ju-
6 risdiction that would undercut the Department's ef-
7 forts to prevent child sexual exploitation.

8 (7) The National Association to Protect Chil-
9 dren and the United States Special Operations Com-
10 mand Care Coalition to replicate successful outcomes
11 of the Human Exploitation Rescue Operative
12 (HERO) Child Rescue Corps, as established by sec-
13 tion 890A of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
14 U.S.C. 473), within military criminal investigative
15 organizations and other Department components to
16 combat child sexual exploitation.

17 (c) LOCATIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
19 out the initiative—

20 (A) in at least two States where there is a
21 high density of Department network users in
22 comparison to the overall population of the
23 States;

24 (B) in at least two States where there is
25 a high population of Department network users;

1 (C) in at least two States where there is a
2 large percentage of Indian children, including
3 children who are Alaska Native or Native Ha-
4 waiian;

5 (D) in at least one State with a population
6 with fewer than 2,000,000 people;

7 (E) in at least one State with a population
8 with fewer than 5,000,000 people, but not fewer
9 than 2,000,000 people;

10 (F) in at least one State with a population
11 with fewer than 10,000,000 people, but not
12 fewer than 5,000,000; and

13 (G) in at least one State with a population
14 with 10,000,000 or more people.

15 (2) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—The Sec-
16 retary shall ensure that the locations at which the
17 initiative is carried out are distributed across dif-
18 ferent regions.

19 (d) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out
20 the initiative, the Secretary shall—

21 (1) participate in multi-jurisdictional task
22 forces;

23 (2) establish cooperative agreements to facili-
24 tate co-training and collaboration with Federal,
25 State, and local law enforcement; and

- 1 (3) develop a streamlined process to refer child
- 2 sexual abuse cases to other jurisdictions.

