

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of title V of division A the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PILOT PROGRAM FOR DIGITAL INFORMATION**
2 **TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) **PILOT PROGRAM.**—Not later than 120 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Defense shall establish a pilot program (in this section re-
7 ferred to as the “pilot program”) to develop a training
8 program that teaches members of the Armed Forces to
9 interact with digital information in a safe and responsible
10 manner.

11 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—In carrying out the pilot program,
12 the Secretary shall—

13 (1) develop and carry out a curriculum that in-
14 cludes instruction on—

15 (A) identifying and mitigating antisemitic,
16 white supremacist, and other extremist con-
17 spiracy theories, including strategies for im-
18 proving the ability of members of the Armed
19 Forces to locate, evaluate, and effectively use

1 information online to reduce insider threat
2 vulnerabilities related to such conspiracy theo-
3 ries;

4 (B) how to identify—

5 (i) fact-based journalism;

6 (ii) opinion-based journalism; and

7 (iii) disinformation;

8 (C) how to assess the credibility of digital
9 news and other digital sources of information;

10 (D) the effects of online actions on the
11 actor and others, including the effects of post-
12 ing or sharing personal, incorrect, or bias-based
13 information;

14 (E) the importance of protecting personal
15 information and how to protect personal infor-
16 mation with respect to online activities; and

17 (F) how to recognize and avoid common
18 information-based threats that could harm—

19 (i) an individual targeted by such
20 threats;

21 (ii) the property of the individual; or

22 (iii) the security, property, or goals of
23 the Department of Defense when the indi-
24 vidual is a member of the Armed Forces;

1 (2) select as participants a geographically and
2 demographically diverse sample of members of the
3 Armed Forces in such number as is necessary to col-
4 lect meaningful feedback about the training pro-
5 gram; and

6 (3) use in-person, virtual, and hybrid training
7 delivery methods in equal amounts.

8 (c) TERMINATION.—The authority of Secretary to
9 carry out the pilot program shall terminate on the date
10 that is one year after the date on which the pilot program
11 begins.

12 (d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the pilot pro-
13 gram, the Secretary may consult with organizations that
14 specialize in teaching or providing information to individ-
15 uals about interacting with digital information in a safe
16 and responsible manner.

17 (e) SURVEY.—After the date on which the pilot pro-
18 gram terminates pursuant to subsection (c), the Secretary
19 shall survey participants and instructors to identify—

20 (1) ways to improve the training program and
21 curriculum;

22 (2) ways to improve participant engagement
23 during the training program; and

1 (3) the extent to which participants retained,
2 over time, the information taught during the train-
3 ing program.

4 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the ter-
5 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit
6 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
7 the House of Representatives a report summarizing the
8 results of the pilot program, including—

9 (1) a comparison of the in-person, virtual, and
10 hybrid training delivery methods, considering—

11 (A) the engagement of participants during
12 the training program;

13 (B) the extent to which participants re-
14 tained, over time, the information taught dur-
15 ing the training program; and

16 (C) other notable differences, as deter-
17 mined by the Secretary;

18 (2) a determination, based on such comparison,
19 about which training delivery method is most effec-
20 tive for teaching the curriculum developed under
21 subsection (b)(1);

22 (3) a recommendation about how often a mem-
23 ber of the Armed Forces should be required to at-
24 tend a permanent training program about inter-
25 acting with digital information in a safe and respon-

1 sible manner, if established, considering the extent
2 to which participants of the pilot program retained
3 information taught during the training program; and
4 (4) a recommendation about how often the cur-
5 riculum of any such permanent training program
6 should be updated.

