Amendment to Rules Committee Print 118-10

Offered by Mrs. Torres of California

At the end of subtitle D of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND TO SUPPORT TRAINING OF ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS.

(a) Establishment of Training Fund.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, shall establish a fund to be known as the “Enrique Roman Martinez Training Fund” (referred to in this section as the “Fund”) to support the training of Army criminal investigators.

(2) Amounts in Fund.—The Fund shall consist of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the Fund.

(3) Use of Fund.—The Fund shall be used—

(A) to carry out innovative pilot programs to improve the training of Army criminal investigators, with priority given to programs to train cold case investigators and provide instruction in cold case investigatory techniques;
(B) to provide such investigators with specialized training in techniques for investigating cold cases, including tradecraft and the use of specialized technologies;

(C) to increase the number members of the Armed Forces who transition to civilian positions as Army criminal investigators; and

(D) to establish joint task forces and carry out joint training initiatives with State and local law enforcement agencies located near major military installations that focus on sharing best practices and solving cold cases.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the progress of the Secretary in implementing this subsection.

(5) FUNDING.—

(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated $5,000,000 for the Fund for fiscal year 2024.

(B) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appro-
appropriated in section 301 for Operations and Maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the responding funding table in section 4301, for administration and service-wide activities, Office of the Secretary of Defense, line 430 is hereby reduced by $5,000,000.

(b) ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the status of the current system for solving cold cases across the Department of Defense. Such report shall include—

(A) an assessment of the potential benefits of and challenges posed by creating a unified capacity for solving cold cases across the Department;

(B) identification of any duplicative or overlapping functions relating to the investigation of cold cases across the Armed Forces;

(C) analysis of the effect of criminal investigators serving in positions classified as 1811 series professionals versus in the excepted or competitive service; and
(D) any other matters that the Comptroller General determines to be relevant.

(2) Annual compliance reports.—On an annual basis each military criminal investigative organization of the Department of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees and the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the Senate a report describing any actions taken and results achieved in accordance with the Homicide Victims’ Families’ Rights Act of 2021 over the year preceding the date of the report.