

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**  
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At the end of subtitle H of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE BROADBAND AC-**  
2 **CESS TO MILITARY FAMILIES AND MEDICAL**  
3 **FACILITIES ON REMOTE AND ISOLATED**  
4 **BASES.**

5 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—

6 (1) PURPOSE.—In order to extend residential  
7 broadband internet access to the thousands of mili-  
8 tary families on military installations within the  
9 United States located in unserved rural areas, the  
10 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Fed-  
11 eral Communication Commission, shall carry out a  
12 pilot program under which the Secretary enters into  
13 an agreement with a broadband internet provider or  
14 providers to—

15 (A) provide broadband internet access to  
16 military families on installations within the  
17 United States located in unserved rural areas;

1 (B) ensure broadband internet is accessible  
2 in military hospitals and clinics to facilitate the  
3 expeditious use of telehealth services and elec-  
4 tronic military records integration; and

5 (C) enhance broadband internet access  
6 that can support of military spouse employ-  
7 ment, transition assistance for members of the  
8 Armed Forces, and workforce development.

9 (2) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall carry out  
10 the pilot program at no fewer than three military in-  
11 stallations located in unserved rural areas.

12 (3) SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS.—The  
13 Secretary shall ensure that broadband internet serv-  
14 ice providers considered for participation in the pilot  
15 program—

16 (A) use low-cost broadband technologies,  
17 such as fixed wireless technologies, which are  
18 suitable for lower population density unserved  
19 and underserved rural areas; and

20 (B) possess the capability to expeditiously  
21 install and connect broadband internet capabili-  
22 ties on remote and isolated bases.

23 (4) FIFTH GENERATION INFORMATION AND  
24 COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES.—The pilot pro-  
25 gram under this section shall be carried out in ac-

1 cordance with the strategy and implementation plan  
2 required under section 233 of this Act.

3 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on  
7 Armed Services and the Committee on Commerce,  
8 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the  
9 Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on  
10 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-  
11 tives a report on the implementation of the pilot pro-  
12 gram under subsection (a).

13 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
14 paragraph (1) shall include—

15 (A) a list of the remote and isolated bases  
16 selected by the Secretary for purposes of the  
17 pilot program;

18 (B) an analysis of the success of the pilot  
19 program on improving access to broadband for  
20 families living on base, telehealth medicine serv-  
21 ices, and the processing of electronic health  
22 records;

23 (C) recommendations by the Secretary for  
24 improving, expanding, or modifying the pro-  
25 gram;

1           (D) recommendations from the Secretary,  
2           the Secretary of Commerce, and the Chairman  
3           of the Federal Communication Commission on  
4           aligning the pilot program with Federal rural  
5           broadband strategy and deployment efforts; and

6           (E) any other matters the Secretary deter-  
7           mines to be appropriate.

8           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9           (1) The term “broadband” means internet ac-  
10          cess providing throughput speeds of at least 25  
11          Mbps downstream and at least 3 Mbps upstream  
12          and having no data consumption caps.

13          (2) The term “unserved rural areas” means  
14          those rural census blocks reported by broadband  
15          providers as lacking access to broadband on the  
16          Federal Communications Commission’s Form 477.

