

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–36
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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 7___ . REPORTS ON HEALTH CARE IN VIEQUES AND**
2 **CULEBRA.**

3 (a) REPORT ON VETERANS HEALTH CARE IN
4 VIEQUES AND CULEBRA.—Not later than September 30,
5 2025, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the
6 Secretaries of Veteran Affairs and Health and Human
7 Services, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
8 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a report
9 containing the results of a study on the quality of medical
10 services received by veterans residing in the municipal is-
11 lands of Vieques and Culebra. Such report shall include
12 the following indicators:

13 (1) The time it takes for veterans to get ap-
14 pointments with primary care providers, specialists,
15 and mental health professionals.

16 (2) The availability and ease of access to var-
17 ious health care services including telehealth, spe-
18 cialty care, and emergency services.

1 (3) The efficiency of service delivery, such as
2 average length of hospital stay and utilization rates
3 of outpatient services.

4 (4) The physical and mental health status of
5 veterans over time, signaling improvements or de-
6 clines in health.

7 (5) The veterans' experiences and satisfaction
8 with their health care services.

9 (6) A comparison of the results derived from
10 such indicators with the results of veterans that are
11 residents of the mainland of Puerto Rico.

12 (b) REPORT ON THE EFFECT OF MILITARY ACTIVITY
13 ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE RESIDENTS OF
14 VIEQUES AND CULEBRA.—Not later than September 30,
15 2025, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the
16 Secretaries of Veteran Affairs and Health and Human
17 Services, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
18 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a report
19 containing the results of a study on the effect of military
20 activity on the mental health of the residents, including
21 members of the Armed Forces and veterans, of the munic-
22 ipal islands of Vieques and Culebra. Such report shall in-
23 clude the following indicators:

24 (1) The prevalence of mental health disorders,
25 such as depression and anxiety.

1 (2) The suicide rate per capita.

2 (3) The frequency of hospital admissions re-
3 lated to mental health conditions.

4 (4) The length of stay in psychiatric hospitals
5 or units.

6 (5) The rates of prescriptions for psychiatric
7 medications such as antidepressants, anxiolytics,
8 antipsychotics, and mood stabilizers.

9 (6) The percentage of the population receiving
10 mental health treatment or counseling.

11 (7) The rates of alcohol and drug abuse.

12 (8) A comparison of the results derived from
13 such indicators with the results of residents of the
14 mainland of Puerto Rico.

