

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 5 . LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR ATTENDANCE OF EN-**  
2 **LISTED PERSONNEL AT SENIOR LEVEL AND**  
3 **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OFFICER PROFES-**  
4 **SIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION COURSES.**

5 Section 559 of the John S. McCain National Defense  
6 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-  
7 232; 132 Stat. 1775) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “None of the  
9 funds” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-  
10 section (b), none of the funds”;

11 (2) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
12 subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

13 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
14 lowing new subsection:

15 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Funds authorized to be appro-  
16 priated or otherwise made available for the Department  
17 of Defense may be obligated or expended for the purpose  
18 of the attendance of enlisted personnel at senior level and

1 intermediate level officer professional military education  
2 courses if—

3 “(1) the enlisted personnel attending such  
4 courses have completed professional military edu-  
5 cation at the appropriate grade prior to attendance;

6 “(2) the Secretary concerned (as defined in sec-  
7 tion 101(a)(9) of title 10, United States Code) es-  
8 tablishes a screening and selection process to choose  
9 enlisted personnel to attend such courses;

10 “(3) with respect to attendees of resident pro-  
11 grams—

12 “(A) the Secretary concerned establishes a  
13 utilization policy for enlisted graduates of such  
14 programs; and

15 “(B) attendees of such programs agree to  
16 a 3-year service obligation after completion of  
17 such programs;

18 “(4) the Secretary concerned authorizes enlisted  
19 personnel to attend only after the Secretary deter-  
20 mines all requirements for attendance of officers at  
21 such courses have been met; and

22 “(5) an officer is not denied attendance at such  
23 courses for the primary purpose of allowing enlisted  
24 personnel to attend.”.

