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

SEC. 5. LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR ATTENDANCE OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL AT SENIOR LEVEL AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OFFICER PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION COURSES.


(1) in subsection (a), by striking “None of the funds” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the funds”; 

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

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

“(b) EXCEPTION.—Funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for the purpose of the attendance of enlisted personnel at senior level and
intermediate level officer professional military education courses if—

“(1) the enlisted personnel attending such courses have completed professional military education at the appropriate grade prior to attendance;

“(2) the Secretary concerned (as defined in section 101(a)(9) of title 10, United States Code) establishes a screening and selection process to choose enlisted personnel to attend such courses;

“(3) with respect to attendees of resident programs—

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

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

“(4) the Secretary concerned authorizes enlisted personnel to attend only after the Secretary determines all requirements for attendance of officers at such courses have been met; and

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