AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. 10. SECURITY CLEARANCE REINSTATEMENT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) PRE-EMPLOYMENT REVIEWS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) during the one-year period following the date of the separation of any covered individual from the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense (as the case may be)—

(A) waive the requirement for a reinstatement review prior to the commencement of post-service employment by such individual in a civilian position requiring an equivalent level of security clearance as the security clearance held by such individual as of the date of the separation; and
(B) deem the security clearance of such individual valid and eligible for immediate use for post-service employment in such civilian position; and

(2) during the 2-year period following the conclusion of the period specified in paragraph (1), with respect to a covered individual occupying or seeking to occupy a civilian position described in such paragraph, shall complete the reinstatement review for such individual by not later than 180 days after the date of the initiation of such review.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a covered individual who—

(1) in the case of a former member of the Armed Forces, separated from the Armed Forces under other than honorable circumstances;

(2) is otherwise under review or suspension by the Director of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency; or

(3) is unable to demonstrate that a security clearance at an equivalent level as the security clearance held by such individual as of the date of the separation of the individual from the Armed Forces or Department of Defense (as the case may be) is
required for post-service employment in a civilian position.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered individual” means a former member of the Armed Forces or a former civilian employee of the Department of Defense.

(2) The term “reinstatement review” means a review for the reinstatement of a security clearance.