

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 553. DIRECT EMPLOYMENT PILOT PROGRAM FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RE-**
3 **SERVE.**

4 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of De-
5 fense may carry out a pilot program to enhance the efforts
6 of the Department of Defense to provide job placement
7 assistance and related employment services directly to
8 members in the National Guard and Reserves.

9 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The pilot program shall be
10 offered to, and administered by, the adjutants general ap-
11 pointed under section 314 of title 32, United States Code.

12 (c) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—As a condition
13 on the provision of funds under this section to a State
14 to support the operation of the pilot program in the State,
15 the State must agree to contribute an amount, derived
16 from non-Federal sources, equal to at least 30 percent of
17 the funds provided by the Secretary of Defense under this
18 section.

1 (d) DIRECT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM MODEL.—The
2 pilot program should follow a job placement program
3 model that focuses on working one-on-one with a member
4 of a reserve component to cost-effectively provide job
5 placement services, including services such as identifying
6 unemployed and under employed members, job matching
7 services, resume editing, interview preparation, and post-
8 employment follow up. Development of the pilot program
9 should be informed by State direct employment programs
10 for members of the reserve components, such as the pro-
11 grams conducted in California and South Carolina.

12 (e) EVALUATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
13 develop outcome measurements to evaluate the success of
14 the pilot program.

15 (f) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

16 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March
17 1, 2019, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
18 the congressional defense committees a report de-
19 scribing the results of the pilot program. The Sec-
20 retary shall prepare the report in coordination with
21 the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

22 (2) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—A report under
23 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

24 (A) A description and assessment of the ef-
25 fectiveness and achievements of the pilot pro-

1 gram, including the number of members of the
2 reserve components hired and the cost-per-
3 placement of participating members.

4 (B) An assessment of the impact of the
5 pilot program and increased reserve component
6 employment levels on the readiness of members
7 of the reserve components.

8 (C) A comparison of the pilot program to
9 other programs conducted by the Department
10 of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs
11 to provide unemployment and underemployment
12 support to members of the reserve components.

13 (D) Any other matters considered appro-
14 priate by the Secretary.

15 (g) LIMITATION ON TOTAL FISCAL-YEAR OBLIGA-
16 TIONS.—The total amount obligated by the Secretary of
17 Defense to carry out the pilot program for any fiscal year
18 may not exceed \$20,000,000.

19 (h) DURATION OF AUTHORITY.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to carry out
21 the pilot program expires September 30, 2018.

22 (2) EXTENSION.—Upon the expiration of the
23 authority under paragraph (1), the Secretary of De-

- 1 fense may extend the pilot program for not more
- 2 than two additional fiscal years.

