

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

At the end of subtitle D of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5___ . TRAINING TO PREVENT HAZING IN THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES AND DATA COLLECTION REGARDING**
3 **HAZING.**

4 (a) **MILITARY HAZING PREVENTION TRAINING.**—
5 The Secretary concerned (as defined in section 101(a)(9)
6 of title 10, United States Code) shall develop and imple-
7 ment a program to train members of that branch of the
8 Armed Forces on the dangers of and the need to avoid
9 hazing and on issues related to diversity, which each such
10 member shall attend not less than annually.

11 (b) **DATA COLLECTION FOR EACH BRANCH OF THE**
12 **ARMED FORCES.**—The Secretary concerned shall collect
13 and maintain data on each incident of hazing reported in
14 that branch of the Armed Forces, including—

15 (1) the gender, race or ethnicity, sexual orienta-
16 tion, and religion of the victim and perpetrator of
17 the incident of hazing; and

1 (2) whether the Secretary concerned responded
2 to the incident of hazing, and if there was a re-
3 sponse, information about such response.

4 (c) HAZING DESCRIBED.—For purposes of carrying
5 out this section, the Secretary of Defense (and the Sec-
6 retary of the Department in which the Coast Guard oper-
7 ates) shall use the definition of hazing contained in the
8 August 28, 1997, Secretary of Defense Policy Memo-
9 randum, which defined hazing as any conduct whereby a
10 member of the Armed Forces, regardless of branch or
11 rank, without proper authority causes another member to
12 suffer, or be exposed to, any activity which is cruel, abu-
13 sive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. So-
14 liciting or coercing another person to perpetrate any such
15 activity is also considered hazing. Hazing need not involve
16 physical contact among or between members of the Armed
17 Forces. Hazing can be verbal or psychological in nature.
18 Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not elimi-
19 nate the culpability of the perpetrator.

