

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . PROVISION OF SUPPORT BY DEPARTMENT OF**  
2 **DEFENSE TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
3 **FAIRS REGARDING ELECTRONIC HEALTH**  
4 **RECORD SYSTEM.**

5 (a) **SUPPORT.**—The Secretary of Defense may sup-  
6 port the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to the extent the  
7 Secretaries jointly consider feasible and advisable, in the  
8 development and implementation of an electronic health  
9 record system that—

10 (1) is derivative of the Military Health System  
11 Genesis record currently being developed and imple-  
12 mented by the Secretary of Defense; and

13 (2) achieves complete interoperability with the  
14 Military Health System Genesis.

15 (b) **ANNUAL REVIEW.**—The Secretary of Defense and  
16 the Secretary Veterans Affairs shall jointly conduct an an-  
17 nual review of the efforts undertaken by the Secretaries  
18 to achieve complete interoperability between the electronic

1 health record of the Department of Veterans Affairs and  
2 the Military Health System Genesis.

3 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—

4 (1) REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days after  
5 completing each annual review under subsection (b),  
6 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Vet-  
7 erans Affairs shall jointly submit to the Committees  
8 on Armed Services and the Committees on Veterans'  
9 Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
10 tives a report on the review.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph  
12 (1) shall include an assessment of the following:

13 (A) Milestones reached as part of the  
14 schedule of development and acquisition as de-  
15 veloped by the Department of Defense and the  
16 Department of Veterans Affairs.

17 (B) Costs associated with development and  
18 implementation.

19 (C) Actions, if any, of the Secretary of De-  
20 fense in supporting the Secretary of Veterans  
21 Affairs pursuant to subsection (a) with respect  
22 to the development and implementation of an  
23 electronic health record system and in achieving  
24 complete interoperability with the Military  
25 Health System Genesis.

1 (D) Status of the adoption of the national  
2 standards and architectural requirements iden-  
3 tified by the Interagency Program Office of the  
4 Departments and in collaboration with the Of-  
5 fice of the National Coordinator for Health In-  
6 formation Technology of the Department of  
7 Health and Human Services.

8 (d) TERMINATION.—The requirements under sub-  
9 section (b) and (c) shall terminate on the date on which  
10 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans  
11 Affairs jointly certify to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
12 ices and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Sen-  
13 ate and the House of Representatives that the electronic  
14 health records of both the Department of Defense and the  
15 Department of Veterans Affairs are completely interoper-  
16 able.

17 (e) INTEROPERABILITY DEFINED.—In this section,  
18 the term “interoperability” refers to the ability of different  
19 electronic health records systems or software to meaning-  
20 fully exchange information in real time and provide useful  
21 results to one or more systems.

