

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CASTLE OF DELAWARE AND MR.
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Add at the end of subtitle E of title V, the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5** ____ . **ENHANCING EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS TO IM-**
2 **PROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY FOR**
3 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of a military depart-
5 ment may enter into one or more education partnership
6 agreements with educational institutions in the United
7 States for the purpose of—

8 (1) developing plans to improve the accessibility
9 and flexibility of college courses available to eligible
10 members of the Armed Forces;

11 (2) improving the application process for the
12 Armed Forces tuition assistance programs and rais-
13 ing awareness regarding educational opportunities
14 available to such members;

15 (3) developing curriculum, distance education
16 programs, and career counseling designed to meet
17 the professional, financial, academic, and social
18 needs of such members; and

1 (4) assessing how resources may be applied
2 more effectively to meet the educational needs of
3 such members.

4 (b) COST.—Except as provided in this section, execu-
5 tion of an education partnership agreement with an edu-
6 cational institution shall be at no cost to the Government.

7 (c) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION DEFINED.—In this
8 section, the term “educational institution” means an ac-
9 credited college, university, or technical school in the
10 United States.

