

Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a
Substitute to H.R. 2857
Offered by Mr. Hare of Illinois

New Veterans program and Civic Engagement program

In section 1201, in the quoted matter revising section 111 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, insert a new subsection (b) as follows and redesignate accordingly:

‘(b) PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT in SERVICE LEARNING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.--From funds appropriated under section 501(a)(1), and without regard to section 112(b), the Corporation shall reserve up to 3 percent for competitive grants to partnerships described in subsection (a)(2) for the development of service-learning programs that promote greater civic engagement among elementary and secondary students.

(2) APPLICATION—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, a partnership shall submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

(3) ACTIVITIES.—Partnerships receiving grants under this subsection shall use funds to develop service-learning curricula that—

(A) promote a better understanding of the principles of the Constitution of the United States, the heroes of American history (including military heroes), and the meaning of the Oath of Allegiance;

- (B) promote a better understanding of how the Nation's government functions; and
- (C) promote a better understanding of the importance of service in our Nation's character.'

In section 1302, following the quoted matter revising section 121(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, insert the following new subsection and redesignate accordingly:

'(b) INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VETERANS.—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—From funds appropriated under section 501(a)(2), the Corporation shall reserve up to 3 percent for competitive grants to eligible recipients under subsection (a) for the development, either directly or through subgrants to other entities, of innovative initiatives to address the unique needs of veterans.

(2) **APPLICATION.**—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity described in paragraph (1) shall submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Corporation may require.

(3) **ACTIVITIES.**—Entities receiving grants under this subsection shall use funds to develop initiatives that—

(A) recruit veterans, particularly returning veterans, into service opportunities;

(B) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families while a member of the family is deployed;

(C) promote community-based efforts to meet the unique needs of military families when a member of the family returns from a deployment;