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# S. 2311

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2019

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Ms. MCSALLY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spouse Employment  
5 Reciprocity and Vocational Instruction for Career En-  
6 hancement Act of 2019” or the “SERVICE Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MY CAREER**  
2 **ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM TO CER-**  
3 **TAIN MILITARY SPOUSES.**

4 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPANTS WHOSE**  
5 **SPOUSES RECEIVE PROMOTIONS.**—A military spouse who  
6 is participating in the My Career Advancement Account  
7 program of the Department of Defense (in this section re-  
8 ferred to as the “Program”) may not become ineligible  
9 for the Program solely because the member of the Armed  
10 Forces to whom the military spouse is married receives  
11 a promotion in grade.

12 (b) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days  
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
14 of Defense shall submit to Congress a report regarding  
15 the Program. The report shall include the following:

16 (1) An assessment of employment rates for  
17 military spouses that identifies—

18 (A) the career fields most military spouses  
19 frequently pursue; and

20 (B) the extent to which such rates may be  
21 improved by expanding the Program to include  
22 reimbursements for licensing reciprocity.

23 (2) An assessment of costs required to expand  
24 the Program as described in paragraph (1)(B).