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To authorize scholarships to assist members of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps in obtaining private pilot's certificates.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma (for herself and Mr. KINZINGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 "Ceiling and Visibility
5 Unlimited Act".

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAMS OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MEMBERS OF**
2 **JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING**
3 **CORPS UNITS TOWARD OBTAINING PRIVATE**
4 **PILOT'S CERTIFICATES.**

5 (a) PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED.—Each Secretary of a
6 military department may carry out a program to award
7 scholarships to qualified members of units of the Junior
8 Reserve Officers' Training Corps under the jurisdiction of
9 such Secretary to assist such members in obtaining a pri-
10 vate pilot's certificate through an institution of higher
11 education with an accredited aviation program that is ap-
12 proved by such Secretary pursuant to subsection (c).

13 (b) MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a program
15 under subsection (a), the Secretary of a military de-
16 partment shall prescribe the standards to be met by
17 members of units of the Junior Reserve Officers'
18 Training Corps under the jurisdiction of such Sec-
19 retary to be eligible for the award of a scholarship
20 under the program.

21 (2) UNIFORMITY ACROSS MILITARY DEPART-
22 MENTS.—To the extent practicable, the standards
23 prescribed under this subsection shall be uniform
24 across the military departments.

25 (c) APPROVED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-
26 CATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a program
2 under subsection (a), the Secretary of a military de-
3 partment shall maintain a list of institutions of high-
4 er education at which a scholarship awarded under
5 the program may be used toward obtaining a private
6 pilot's certificate.

7 (2) QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS.—Any
8 institution of higher education included on a list
9 under this subsection, and any course of instruction
10 toward obtaining a private pilot's certificate offered
11 by such institution, shall meet such qualifications
12 and standards as the Secretary shall prescribe for
13 purposes of the program. Such qualifications and
14 standards shall include a requirement that any insti-
15 tution included on the list award academic credit at
16 such institution to any member awarded a scholar-
17 ship under the program for work (whether or not
18 fully completed) on the ground school course of in-
19 struction of such institution in connection with ob-
20 taining a private pilot's certificate.

21 (d) SCHOLARSHIP.—

22 (1) AMOUNT.—The amount of the scholarship
23 awarded a member of a Junior Reserve Officers'
24 Training Corps under a program under subsection
25 (a) shall be such amount as the Secretary of the

1 military department concerned considers appropriate
2 to defray, whether in whole or in part, the charges
3 and fees of a course of instruction toward obtaining
4 a private pilot's certificate offered by the institution
5 of higher education to be attended by the member
6 in obtaining the certificate.

7 (2) USE.—A scholarship awarded a member
8 under a program may be used by the member only
9 to defray the charges and fees of an institution of
10 higher education for a course of instruction toward
11 obtaining a private pilot's certificate.

12 (3) MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP.—A schol-
13 arship awarded an individual under a program may
14 be used by the individual only while the individual
15 maintains membership in a unit of a Junior Reserve
16 Officers' Training Corps.

17 (e) ANNUAL REPORTS ON PROGRAMS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 28,
19 2021, and each year thereafter, each Secretary of a
20 military department shall submit to Congress a re-
21 port on the program, if any, carried out by such
22 Secretary during the preceding calendar year.

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph
24 (1) shall include, for the program and year covered
25 by such report, the following:

1 (A) The number of scholarships awarded.

2 (B) The total amount of scholarships
3 awarded.

4 (C) The work undertaken through such
5 scholarships, including the number of recipients
6 who fully completed a ground school course of
7 instruction in connection with obtaining a pri-
8 vate pilot's certificate.

9 (f) ASSESSMENT OF RELATED PILOT PROGRAM.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report
13 setting forth the results of an assessment, conducted
14 by the study group described in paragraph (2) for
15 purposes of the report, of the pilot program con-
16 ducted by the Air Force in 2018 and 2019 known
17 as the “Air Force JROTC Flight Academy, Chief of
18 Staff Private Pilot Scholarship Program”.

19 (2) STUDY GROUP.—The study group described
20 in this paragraph shall include the following:

21 (A) A representative of the Department of
22 Defense, selected by the Secretary of Defense.

23 (B) A representative of the headquarters
24 of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers'
25 Training Corps with experience with the pilot

1 program, selected by the Secretary of the Air
2 Force.

3 (C) In addition to the representative under
4 subparagraph (B), a representative of each
5 military department, selected by the Secretary
6 of such military department.

7 (D) A representative of the Department of
8 Transportation, selected by the Secretary of
9 Transportation.

10 (E) A representative of the Department of
11 Education, selected by the Secretary of Edu-
12 cation.

13 (F) Representatives of such private organi-
14 zations and entities as the Secretary of Defense
15 considers appropriate.

16 (3) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by
17 paragraph (1) shall identify best practices in assist-
18 ing members of the Junior Reserve Officers' Train-
19 ing Corps in obtaining a private pilot's certificate
20 through institutions of higher education, including
21 the most appropriate funding mechanisms for such
22 practices.

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