

1 (E) Any successor program to a program
2 referred to in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

3 (2) The term “Secretary concerned” has the
4 meaning given that term in section 101(a)(9) of title
5 10, United States Code.

6 **SEC. 549. USE OF ASSISTANCE UNDER DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
7 **FENSE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR**
8 **NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION TO DEVELOP**
9 **CYBERSECURITY AND COMPUTER CODING**
10 **SKILLS.**

11 (a) **BRIEFING ON USE REQUIRED.**—Not later than 60
12 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary of Defense shall provide the Committees on Armed
14 Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a
15 briefing on the feasibility and advisability of the enactment
16 into law of the authority described in subsection (b).

17 (b) **AUTHORITY.**—The authority described in this sub-
18 section is authority for a member of the Armed Forces who
19 is eligible for tuition assistance under the Department of
20 Defense Tuition Assistance (TA) Program to use such as-
21 sistance at or with an educational institution described in
22 subsection (c) for courses or programs of education of such
23 educational institution in connection with the following:

24 (1) Cybersecurity skills or related skills.

25 (2) Computer coding skills or related skills.

1 (c) *EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.*—

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*An educational institution de-*
3 *scribed in this subsection is an educational institu-*
4 *tion not otherwise approved for participation in the*
5 *Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Program*
6 *that receives approval from the Department of De-*
7 *fense for participation in the program for courses or*
8 *programs of education described in subsection (b).*

9 (2) *APPROVAL.*—*Any approval of the participa-*
10 *tion of an educational institution in the Program*
11 *under this subsection would be granted by the Under*
12 *Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness in*
13 *accordance with such guidance as the Under Sec-*
14 *retary would issue for purposes of this section.*

15 (3) *MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.*—*The*
16 *Under Secretary would enter into a memorandum of*
17 *understanding with each educational institution ap-*
18 *proved for participation in the Program pursuant to*
19 *this subsection regarding the participation of such*
20 *educational institution in the Program. Each memo-*
21 *randum of understanding would set forth such terms*
22 *and conditions regarding the participation of the edu-*
23 *cational institution concerned in the Program, in-*
24 *cluding terms and conditions applicable to the courses*
25 *or programs for which tuition assistance under the*

1 *Program could be used, as the Under Secretary would*
2 *consider appropriate for purposes of this section.*

3 (d) *COURSES AND PROGRAMS.*—*The courses and pro-*
4 *grams of education for which tuition assistance could be*
5 *used pursuant to the authority in subsection (b) would in-*
6 *clude the following:*

7 (1) *Massive online open courses (MOOCs).*

8 (2) *Short-term certification courses, including*
9 *so-called computer coding “boot camps”.*

10 (3) *Such other non-traditional courses and pro-*
11 *grams of education leading to skills specified in sub-*
12 *section (b) as the Under Secretary would consider ap-*
13 *propriate for purposes of this section.*

14 **SEC. 550. SENSE OF SENATE ON INCREASING ENROLLMENT**
15 **IN SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING**
16 **CORPS PROGRAMS AT MINORITY-SERVING IN-**
17 **STITUTIONS.**

18 (a) *SENSE OF SENATE.*—*It is the sense of the Senate*
19 *that the Armed Forces should take appropriate actions to*
20 *increase enrollment in Senior Reserve Officers’ Training*
21 *Corps (SROTC) programs at minority-serving institutions.*

22 (b) *MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION DEFINED.*—*In*
23 *this section, the term “minority-serving institution” means*
24 *an institution of higher education described in section*



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