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# S. 965

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. COTTON) 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 "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 LICENSES.**

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 license through an institution of higher edu-  
11 cation approved by such Secretary pursuant to subsection  
12 (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 the 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 license.

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 license offered by  
11          such institution, shall meet such qualifications and  
12          standards as the Secretary shall prescribe for pur-  
13          poses of the program. Such qualifications and stand-  
14          ards shall include a requirement that any institution  
15          included on the list award academic credit at such  
16          institution to any member awarded a scholarship  
17          under the program who successfully completes the  
18          ground school course of instruction of such institu-  
19          tion in connection with obtaining a private pilot's li-  
20          cense.

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 license offered by the institution of  
5 higher education to be attended by the member in  
6 obtaining the license.

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 license.

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) ASSESSMENT OF RELATED PILOT PROGRAM.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
20 retary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report  
21 setting forth the results of an assessment, conducted  
22 by the study group described in paragraph (2) for  
23 purposes of the report, of the pilot program con-  
24 ducted by the Air Force in 2018 and 2019 known

1 as the “JROTC Flight Academy, Chief of Staff Pri-  
2 vate Pilot Scholarship Program”.

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

5 (A) A representative of the Department of  
6 Defense, selected by the Secretary of Defense.

7 (B) A representative of each military de-  
8 partment, selected by the Secretary of such  
9 military department.

10 (C) A representative of the Department of  
11 Transportation, selected by the Secretary of  
12 Transportation.

13 (D) A representative of the Department of  
14 Education, selected by the Secretary of Edu-  
15 cation.

16 (E) Representatives of such private organi-  
17 zations and entities as the Secretary of Defense  
18 considers appropriate.

19 (3) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by  
20 paragraph (1) shall identify best practices in assist-  
21 ing members of the Junior Reserve Officers’ Train-  
22 ing Corps in obtaining a private pilot’s license  
23 through institutions of higher education, including

- 1 the most appropriate funding mechanisms for such
- 2 practices.

