

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3935  
OFFERED BY MR. GOODEN OF TEXAS**

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM FOR FLIGHT TRAINING.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after  
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-  
4 portation shall establish a pilot program (in this Act re-  
5 ferred to as the “Program”) to award grants to covered  
6 flight schools to provide flight training to eligible veterans.

7 (b) ELIGIBLE USE.—A grant under section may be  
8 used to provide the training necessary for a veteran to  
9 earn the following certificates and ratings issued under  
10 part 141 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations:

11 (1) A private pilot certificate.

12 (2) A commercial pilot certificate.

13 (3) A certified flight instructor certificate.

14 (4) A certified flight instructor instrument cer-  
15 tificate.

16 (5) An instrument rating.

17 (6) A multiengine rating.

18 (c) ELIGIBLE VETERANS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive  
2 flight training from a covered flight school under the  
3 Program, a veteran shall—

4           (A) intend to pursue a career as a com-  
5 mercial pilot;

6           (B) have a high school diploma or its  
7 equivalent;

8           (C) be able to read, write, and speak  
9 English fluently;

10          (D) hold a valid United States passport, or  
11 be qualified to obtain such a passport;

12          (E) obtain a second class medical certifi-  
13 cate; and

14          (F) meet any other requirements for eligi-  
15 bility as determined appropriate by the Sec-  
16 retary.

17          (2) INELIGIBLE VETERANS.—A veteran shall  
18 not be eligible to receive flight training from a cov-  
19 ered flight school under the Program if such vet-  
20 eran—

21           (A) has been convicted of a Federal felony  
22 offense; or

23           (B) possesses a commercial pilot certificate  
24 on or before the date on which such veteran be-

1           gins receiving flight training under the Pro-  
2           gram.

3           (d) APPLICATIONS TO RECEIVE FLIGHT TRAINING.—

4 A covered flight school receiving a grant under the Pro-  
5 gram shall be responsible for—

6           (1) soliciting applications for flight training  
7           from eligible veterans;

8           (2) reviewing such applications; and

9           (3) selecting veterans to receive flight training  
10          and enrolling such veterans in such flight school.

11          (e) TERMINATION.—The Program shall terminate 18  
12 months after the date on which the Program is established  
13 under subsection (a).

14          (f) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the Pro-  
15 gram terminates under subsection (e), the Secretary of  
16 Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Vet-  
17 erans Affairs, shall submit to the Committees on Edu-  
18 cation and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure, and  
19 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives, a re-  
20 port that includes a description of the following:

21           (1) How the improvement of the consistency  
22           and eligibility for assistance under chapter 33 of  
23           title 38, United States Code, may used to provide  
24           flight training to veterans.

1           (2) The costs associated with obtaining a com-  
2           mercial pilot certificate and ways in which such costs  
3           could be reduced for veterans seeking a commercial  
4           pilot certificate.

5           (3) Ways to increase cooperation between the  
6           Department of Transportation, veterans service or-  
7           ganizations, and air carriers to recruit, screen, and  
8           train veterans as commercial pilots.

9           (4) Ways to improve the availability of Federal  
10          student loans to veterans to use for attending voca-  
11          tional flight school.

12          (5) A model program under which States and  
13          domestic commercial airlines provide assistance to  
14          veterans to obtain the flight training necessary to  
15          obtain a commercial pilot certificate with a multien-  
16          gine rating.

17          (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18           (1) COVERED FLIGHT SCHOOL.—The term  
19           “covered flight school” means a flight school that—

20                   (A) holds a pilot school certificate under  
21                   part 141 of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-  
22                   tions; and

23                   (B) is approved to train pilots for a private  
24                   pilot certificate, instrument rating, a commer-

1           cial pilot certificate, and a flight instructor cer-  
2           tificate.

3           (2) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” means a  
4           person who served in the active military, naval, air,  
5           or space service, and who was discharged or released  
6           from such service with an honorable discharge.

