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H. R. 3185

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Defense Language Institute to award a Bachelor of Arts degree in a foreign language, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2019

Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. CROW, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. KIM, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. CISNEROS, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was 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 "Defense Language Im-

5 provement Act" or the "DLI Act".

SEC. 2. DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOREIGN LAN-GUAGE CENTER.

(a) AUTHORITY TO AWARD BACHELOR'S DE-GREES.—Section 2168 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "**Associate**" and inserting "**Associate or Bachelor**"; and

(2) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Subject to subsection (b), the Commandant of the Defense Language Institute may confer—

"(1) an Associate of Arts degree in a foreign language upon any graduate of the Foreign Language Center of the Institute who fulfills the requirements for that degree; or

"(2) a Bachelor of Arts degree in a foreign language upon any graduate of the Foreign Language Center of the Institute who fulfills the requirements for that degree.".

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 108 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 2168 and inserting the following new item:

''2168. Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center: degree of Associate or Bachelor of Arts in foreign language.''.

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