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To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the Veterans Readiness and Employment program of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2025

Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs

SEPTEMBER --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 23, 2025]

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the Veterans Readiness and Employment program of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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 “Veterans Readiness and*
5 *Employment Program Integrity Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENT UNDER VETERANS**
7 **READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF**
8 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

9 *Section 3106(a) of title 38, United States Code, is*
10 *amended—*

11 *(1) by striking “necessary (1) to determine” and*
12 *inserting “necessary to determine”;*

13 *(2) by striking “and (2) in the case” and insert-*
14 *ing “and, in the case”;*

15 *(3) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”;*
16 *and*

17 *(4) by adding at the end the following new para-*
18 *graph:*

19 *“(2) The Secretary may not provide an initial evalua-*
20 *tion of a veteran under paragraph (1) before the veteran*
21 *submits to the Secretary an application containing the sub-*
22 *stantive work record and educational transcripts of the vet-*
23 *eran that the Secretary determines appropriate.”.*

1 **SEC. 3. MAXIMUM DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**
2 **UNDER VETERANS READINESS AND EMPLOY-**
3 **MENT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 *Section 3117(a) of title 38, United States Code, is*
6 *amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

7 *“(3)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), a veteran may*
8 *not receive assistance under this subsection for more than*
9 *365 days.*

10 *“(B) A veteran may receive an additional 180 days*
11 *of such assistance if an individual who provides counseling*
12 *under this chapter to such veteran certifies that the veteran*
13 *is actively seeking employment.”.*

14 **SEC. 4. REPORTING AND DATA COLLECTION REQUIRE-**
15 **MENTS UNDER VETERANS READINESS AND**
16 **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF**
17 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

18 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 38, United*
19 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*
20 *new section:*

21 **“§3123. Requirements for data collection and report-**
22 **ing**

23 *“(a) DATA COLLECTION.—The Secretary shall submit*
24 *to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and*
25 *House of Representatives a report regarding the employ-*
26 *ment of veterans who participate in a vocational rehabilita-*

1 tion program under this chapter. Such information shall
2 include, for each such veteran—

3 “(1) the regional office responsible for the provi-
4 sion of the program; and

5 “(2) the annual wages of the veteran before and
6 after the completion of the program.

7 “(b) *PUBLICATION OF WAIT TIMES.*—On an annual
8 basis, the Secretary shall make publicly available, on an
9 appropriate website of the Department, the average time be-
10 tween the date on which a veteran requests a vocational
11 rehabilitation program under this chapter and the date on
12 which the veteran first meets with a counselor as part of
13 the veteran’s program.”.

14 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of sections at
15 the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the
16 end the following new item:

“3123. Requirements for data collection and reporting.”.

17 (c) *INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF PROGRAM.*—

18 (1) *REVIEW REQUIRED.*—Not later than one year
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary of Veterans Affairs shall seek to enter into a
21 contract, with a non-Department entity that has ex-
22 pertise in vocational rehabilitation, pursuant to
23 which the entity shall conduct a review of rehabilita-
24 tion programs (as such term is defined in section
25 3101 of such title) under such chapter.

1 (2) *REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after the*
2 *date of such a contract, the entity shall submit to the*
3 *Secretary a report containing recommendations re-*
4 *garding how to improve and modernize such rehabili-*
5 *tation programs.*