

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7111
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Navy SEAL Chief
3 Petty Officer William ‘Bill’ Mulder (Ret.) Veterans Eco-
4 nomic Recovery Act of 2020”.

5 **SEC. 2. COVID-19 VETERAN RAPID RETRAINING ASSIST-**
6 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
8 shall carry out a program under which the Secretary shall
9 provide up to 12 months of retraining assistance to an
10 eligible veteran for the pursuit of a covered program of
11 education. Such retraining assistance shall be in addition
12 to any other entitlement to educational assistance or bene-
13 fits for which a veteran is, or has been, eligible.

14 (b) **ELIGIBLE VETERANS.**—

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of this section,
16 the term “eligible veteran” means a veteran who—

17 (A) as of the date of the receipt by the De-
18 partment of Veterans Affairs of the application

1 for assistance under this section, is at least 22
2 years of age but not more than 66 years of age;

3 (B) as of such date, is unemployed by rea-
4 son of the covered public health emergency, as
5 certified by the veteran;

6 (C) as of such date, is not eligible to re-
7 ceive educational assistance under chapter 30,
8 31, 32, 33, or 35 of title 38, United States
9 Code, or chapter 1606 of title 10, United States
10 Code;

11 (D) is not enrolled in any Federal or State
12 jobs program;

13 (E) is not in receipt of compensation for a
14 service-connected disability rated totally dis-
15 abling by reason of unemployability; and

16 (F) will not be in receipt of unemployment
17 compensation (as defined in section 85(b) of the
18 Internal Revenue Code of 1986), including any
19 cash benefit received pursuant to subtitle A of
20 title II of division A of the Cares Act (Public
21 Law 116-136), as of the first day on which the
22 veteran would receive a housing stipend pay-
23 ment under this section.

24 (2) TREATMENT OF VETERANS WHO TRANSFER
25 ENTITLEMENT.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(C),

1 a veteran who has transferred all of the veteran's
2 entitlement to educational assistance under section
3 3319 of title 38, United States Code, shall be con-
4 sidered to be a veteran who is not eligible to receive
5 educational assistance under chapter 33 of such
6 title.

7 (3) FAILURE TO COMPLETE.—A veteran who
8 receives retraining assistance under this section to
9 pursue a program of education and who fails to com-
10 plete the program of education shall not be eligible
11 to receive additional assistance under this section.

12 (c) COVERED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible veteran who
14 receives retraining assistance under this section may
15 only use such assistance to pursue a program of
16 education (as such term is defined in section
17 3452(b) of title 38, United States Code) for train-
18 ing, on a full-time or part-time basis—

19 (A) that—

20 (i) is approved under chapter 36 of
21 such title;

22 (ii) does not lead to a bachelors or
23 graduate degree; and

1 (iii) is designed to provide training for
2 a high-demand occupation, as determined
3 under paragraph (2); or

4 (B) that is a high technology program of
5 education offered by a qualified provider, under
6 the meaning of such terms in section 116 of the
7 Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational As-
8 sistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–48; 38
9 U.S.C. 3001 note).

10 (2) ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.—In the case of an
11 accredited program of education, the program of
12 education shall not be considered a covered program
13 of education under this section if the program has
14 received a show cause order from the accreditor of
15 the program during the five-year period preceding
16 the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (3) DETERMINATION OF HIGH-DEMAND OCCU-
18 PATIONS.—

19 (A) INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.—In car-
20 rying out this section, the Secretary shall use
21 the list of high-demand occupations compiled by
22 the Commissioner of Labor Statistics until the
23 final list under subparagraph (C) is complete.

24 (B) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
25 Veterans Affairs shall enter into an agreement

1 with a federally funded research and develop-
2 ment corporation or another appropriate non-
3 Department entity for the conduct of a study to
4 determine which occupations are high-demand
5 occupations. Such study shall be completed not
6 later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act.

8 (C) FINAL LIST.—The Secretary—

9 (i) may add or remove occupation
10 from the list in use pursuant to subpara-
11 graph (A) during the 90-day period fol-
12 lowing the completion of the study required
13 by subparagraph (B);

14 (ii) shall issue a final list of high-de-
15 mand occupations for use under this sec-
16 tion by not later than 90 days after the
17 date of the completion of the study; and

18 (iii) shall make such final list publicly
19 available on a website of the Department.

20 (D) USE OF LIST.—The Secretary shall
21 use the list developed under this paragraph in
22 order to apply the requirement that retraining
23 assistance under this section is used for train-
24 ing for a high-demand occupation, but the Sec-

1 retary may remove occupations from the list as
2 the Secretary determines appropriate.

3 (4) FULL-TIME DEFINED.—For purposes of
4 this subsection, the term “full-time” has the mean-
5 ing given such term under section 3688 of title 38,
6 United States Code.

7 (d) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—

8 (1) RETRAINING ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
9 of Veterans Affairs shall provide to an eligible vet-
10 eran pursuing a covered program of education under
11 the retraining assistance program under this section
12 an amount equal to the amount of educational as-
13 sistance payable under section 3313(e)(1)(A) of title
14 38, United States Code, for each month the veteran
15 pursues the covered program of education. Such
16 amount shall be payable directly to the educational
17 institution offering the covered program of education
18 pursued by the veteran as follows:

19 (A) 50 percent of the total amount payable
20 shall be paid when the eligible veteran begins
21 the program of education.

22 (B) 25 percent of the total amount payable
23 shall be paid when the eligible veteran com-
24 pletes the program of education.

1 (C) 25 percent of the total amount payable
2 shall be paid when the eligible veteran finds em-
3 ployment in a field related to the program of
4 education.

5 (2) FAILURE TO COMPLETE.—

6 (A) PRO-RATED PAYMENTS.—In the case
7 of a veteran who pursues a covered program of
8 education under the retraining assistance pro-
9 gram under this section, but who does not com-
10 plete the program of education, the Secretary
11 shall pay to the educational institution offering
12 such program of education a pro-rated amount
13 based on the number of months the veteran
14 pursued the program of education in accordance
15 with this subparagraphs (B) and (C).

16 (B) PAYMENT OTHERWISE DUE UPON
17 COMPLETION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
18 shall pay to the educational institution a pro-
19 rated amount under paragraph (1)(B) when the
20 veteran provides notice to the educational insti-
21 tution that the veteran no longer intends to
22 pursue the program of education.

23 (C) PAYMENT DUE UPON EMPLOYMENT.—

24 (i) VETERANS WHO FIND EMPLOY-
25 MENT.—In the case of a veteran referred

1 to in subparagraph (A) who finds employ-
2 ment in a field related to the program of
3 education during the 180-day period begin-
4 ning on the date on which the veteran
5 withdraws from the program of education,
6 the Secretary shall pay to the educational
7 institution a pro-rated amount under para-
8 graph (1)(C) when the veteran finds such
9 employment.

10 (ii) VETERANS WHO DO NOT FIND EM-
11 PLOYMENT.—In the case of a veteran re-
12 ferred to in subparagraph (A) who does
13 not find employment in a field related to
14 the program of education during the 180-
15 day period beginning on the date on which
16 the veteran withdraws from the program of
17 education—

18 (I) the Secretary shall not make
19 a payment to the educational institu-
20 tion under paragraph (1)(C); and

21 (II) the educational institution
22 may not seek payment from the vet-
23 eran for any amount that would have
24 been payable under paragraph (1)(C)

1 had the veteran found employment
2 during such 180-day period.

3 (3) HOUSING STIPEND.—For each month that
4 an eligible veteran pursues a covered program of
5 education under the retraining assistance program
6 under this section, the Secretary shall pay to the
7 veteran a monthly housing stipend in an amount
8 equal to—

9 (A) in the case of a covered program of
10 education leading to a degree, or a covered pro-
11 gram of education not leading to a degree, at
12 an institution of higher learning (as that term
13 is defined in section 3452(f) of title 38, United
14 States Code) pursued on more than a half-time
15 basis, the amount specified under subsection
16 (c)(1)(B) of section 3313 of title 38, United
17 States Code;

18 (B) in the case of a covered program of
19 education other than a program of education
20 leading to a degree at an institution other than
21 an institution of higher learning pursued on
22 more than a half-time basis, the amount speci-
23 fied under subsection (g)(3)(A)(ii) of such sec-
24 tion; or

1 (C) in the case of a covered program of
2 education pursued on less than a half-time
3 basis, or a covered program of education pur-
4 sued solely through distance learning on more
5 than a half-time basis, the amount specified
6 under subsection (c)(1)(B)(iii) of such section.

7 (4) FAILURE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT.—The
8 Secretary shall not make a payment under para-
9 graph (1)(C) with respect to an eligible veteran who
10 completes or fails to complete a program of edu-
11 cation under the retraining assistance program
12 under this section if the veteran fails to find employ-
13 ment in a field related to the program of education
14 within the 180-period beginning on the date on
15 which the veteran withdraws from or completes the
16 program.

17 (e) NO TRANSFERABILITY.—Retraining assistance
18 provided under this section may not be transferred to an-
19 other individual.

20 (f) EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall
22 contact each veteran who pursues a covered program
23 of education under this section—

24 (A) not later than 30 days after the date
25 on which the veteran begins the program of

1 education to notify the veteran of the avail-
2 ability of employment placement services upon
3 completion of the program; and

4 (B) not later than 14 days after the date
5 on which the veteran completes, or terminates
6 participation in, such program to facilitate the
7 provision of employment placement services to
8 such veteran.

9 (2) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
10 retary of Veterans Affairs shall provide to the Sec-
11 retary of Labor such information as may be nec-
12 essary to carry out paragraph (1).

13 (g) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
15 Affairs shall seek to enter into a memorandum of
16 understanding with one or more qualified nonprofit
17 organizations for the purpose of facilitating the em-
18 ployment of veterans who participate in the retrain-
19 ing assistance program under this section.

20 (2) QUALIFIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—
21 For purposes of this subsection, a qualified non-
22 profit organization is a nonprofit organization
23 that—

24 (A) is an association of businesses; and

1 (B) has at least two years of experience
2 providing job placement services for veterans.

3 (h) FOLLOW UP OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Vet-
4 erans Affairs, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor
5 shall contact each veteran who completes a covered pro-
6 gram of education under the retraining assistance pro-
7 gram under this section 30, 60, 90, and 180 days after
8 the veteran completes such program of education to ask
9 the veteran about the experience of the veteran in the re-
10 training assistance program and the veteran’s employment
11 status.

12 (i) LIMITATION.—Not more than 35,000 eligible vet-
13 erans may receive retraining assistance under this section.

14 (j) TERMINATION.—No retraining assistance may be
15 paid under this section after the date that is 17 months
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (k) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
18 the termination of the retraining assistance program
19 under subsection (k), the Comptroller General shall sub-
20 mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate
21 and House of Representatives a report on the outcomes
22 and effectiveness of the program.

23 (l) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) The term “covered public health emer-
25 gency” means the declaration—

1 (A) of a public health emergency, based on
2 an outbreak of COVID-19 by the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services under section 319
4 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
5 247d); or

6 (B) of a domestic emergency, based on an
7 outbreak of COVID-19 by the President, the
8 Secretary of Homeland Security, or State, or
9 local authority.

10 (2) The term “veteran” means—

11 (A) a person who served in the active mili-
12 tary, naval, or air service, and who was dis-
13 charged or released therefrom under conditions
14 other than dishonorable; or

15 (B) a member of a reserve component of
16 the Armed Forces who performs active service
17 for a period of 30 days or longer by reason of
18 the covered public health emergency.

19 (3) The term “active service” has the meaning
20 given such term in section 101 of title 10, United
21 States Code.

22 (m) FUNDING.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year for
24 which the Secretary provides retraining assistance
25 under this section, such sums as may be necessary

1 shall be made available for such assistance from
2 funds appropriated to, or otherwise made available
3 to, the Department for the payment of readjustment
4 benefits.

5 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—From amounts
6 made available for the Department of Veterans Af-
7 fairs pursuant to the CARES Act (Public Law 116–
8 136) there is authorized to be appropriated to the
9 Secretary \$10,000,000 for administrative costs asso-
10 ciated with carrying out this section.

11 (n) INITIATION OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary may
12 begin providing retraining assistance under this section on
13 the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act.

15 **SEC. 3. ACCESS FOR THE SECRETARIES OF LABOR AND**
16 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO THE FEDERAL DIREC-**
17 **TORY OF NEW HIRES.**

18 Section 453A(h) of the Social Security Act (42
19 U.S.C. 653a(h)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new paragraph:

21 “(4) VETERAN EMPLOYMENT.—The Secretaries
22 of Labor and of Veterans Affairs shall have access
23 to information reported by employers pursuant to
24 subsection (b) of this section for purposes of track-
25 ing employment of veterans.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE CLASS OF PROVIDERS OF**
2 **HIGH TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS OF EDU-**
3 **CATION FOR VETERANS.**

4 Section 116 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Edu-
5 cational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–48; 38
6 U.S.C. 3001 note) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
8 following: “The Secretary shall treat an individual as
9 an eligible veteran if the Secretary determines that
10 the individual shall become an eligible veteran fewer
11 than 180 days after the date of such determination.
12 If an individual treated as an eligible veteran by rea-
13 son of the preceding sentence does anything to make
14 the veteran ineligible during the 180-day period re-
15 ferred to in such sentence, the Secretary may re-
16 quire the veteran to repay any benefits received by
17 such veteran by reason of such sentence.”;

18 (2) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “has
20 been operational for at least 2 years” and in-
21 serting “employs instructors whom the Sec-
22 retary determines are experts in their respective
23 fields in accordance with paragraph (6)”;

24 (B) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(6) EXPERTS.—The Secretary shall determine
2 whether instructors are experts under paragraph
3 (3)(A) based on evidence furnished to the Secretary
4 by the provider regarding the ability of the instruc-
5 tors to—

6 “(A) identify professions in need of new
7 employees to hire, tailor the programs to meet
8 market needs, and identify the employers likely
9 to hire graduates;

10 “(B) effectively teach the skills offered to
11 eligible veterans;

12 “(C) provide relevant industry experience
13 in the fields of programs offered to incoming el-
14 igible veterans; and

15 “(D) demonstrate relevant industry experi-
16 ence in such fields of programs.”;

17 (3) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding
18 paragraph (1)—

19 (A) by inserting “(not including an indi-
20 vidual described in the second sentence of sub-
21 section (b))” after “each eligible veteran”; and

22 (B) by inserting “or part-time” after “full-
23 time”;

24 (4) in subsection (g), by striking
25 “\$15,000,000” and inserting “\$45,000,000”; and

1 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section (i):

3 “(i) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN ACCOUNTING OF AS-
4 SISTANCE.—The Secretary may not consider enrollment in
5 a high technology program of education under this section
6 to be assistance under a provision of law referred to in
7 section 3695 of title 38, United States Code.”.

8 **SEC. 5. PILOT PROGRAM FOR OFF-BASE TRANSITION**
9 **TRAINING FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES.**

10 (a) EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Subsection
11 (a) of section 301 of the Dignified Burial and Other Vet-
12 erans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law
13 112–260; 10 U.S.C. 1144 note) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “During the two-year period be-
15 ginning on the date of the enactment of this Act”
16 and inserting “During the 5-year period beginning
17 on the date of the enactment of the Veterans Eco-
18 nomic Recovery Act of 2020”; and

19 (2) by striking “to assess the feasibility and ad-
20 visability of providing such program to eligible indi-
21 viduals at locations other than military installa-
22 tions”.

23 (b) LOCATIONS.—Subsection (c) of such section is
24 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “not less than
2 three and not more than five States” and inserting
3 “not fewer than 50 locations in States (as defined
4 in section 101 of title 38, United States Code)”;

5 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “at least two”
6 and inserting “at least 20”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraphs:

9 “(5) PREFERENCES.—In selecting States for
10 participation in the pilot program, the Secretary
11 shall provide a preference for any State with—

12 “(A) a high rate of usage of unemployment
13 benefits for recently separated members of the
14 Armed Forces; or

15 “(B) a labor force or economy that has
16 been significantly impacted by the covered pub-
17 lic health emergency.

18 “(6) COVERED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—
19 In this subsection, the term ‘covered public health
20 emergency’ means the declaration—

21 “(A) of a public health emergency, based
22 on an outbreak of COVID-19 by the Secretary
23 of Health and Human Services under section
24 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42
25 U.S.C. 247d); or

1 “(B) of a domestic emergency, based on an
2 outbreak of COVID-19 by the President, the
3 Secretary of Homeland Security, or State, or
4 local authority.”.

5 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Subsection (e) of such section
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new sen-
7 tence: “Each such report shall include information about
8 the employment outcomes of the eligible individuals who
9 received such training during the year covered by the re-
10 port.”.

11 (d) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Subsection (f) of such
12 section is repealed.

13 **SEC. 6. GRANTS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSITION ASSIST-**
14 **ANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
15 **AFTER SEPARATION, RETIREMENT, OR DIS-**
16 **CHARGE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
18 shall make grants to eligible organizations for the provi-
19 sion of transition assistance to members of the Armed
20 Forces who are separated, retired, or discharged from the
21 Armed Forces, and spouses of such members.

22 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant under
23 this section shall use the grant to provide to members of
24 the Armed Forces and spouses described in subsection (a)
25 resume assistance, interview training, job recruitment

1 training, and related services leading directly to successful
2 transition, as determined by the Secretary.

3 (c) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—To be eligible for a
4 grant under this section, an organization shall submit to
5 the Secretary an application containing such information
6 and assurances as the Secretary, in consultation with the
7 Secretary of Labor, may require.

8 (d) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this section,
9 the Secretary shall give priority to an organization that—

10 (1) provides multiple forms of services described
11 in subsection (b); or

12 (2) is located in a State with—

13 (A) a high rate of veteran unemployment;

14 (B) a high rate of usage of unemployment
15 benefits for recently separated members of the
16 Armed Forces; or

17 (C) a labor force or economy that has been
18 significantly impacted by the covered public
19 health emergency (as such term is defined in
20 section 2(l)(1)).

21 (e) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—A grant under this section
22 shall be in an amount that does not exceed 50 percent
23 of the amount required by the organization to provide the
24 services described in subsection (b).

1 (f) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall carry out this
2 section not later than six months after the effective date
3 of this Act.

4 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority to provide a grant
5 under this section shall terminate on the date that is five
6 years after the date on which the Secretary implements
7 the grant program under this section.

8 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—From
9 amounts made available for the Department of Veterans
10 Affairs pursuant to the CARES Act (Public Law 116–
11 136) there is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
12 retary \$10,000,000 to carry out this section.

13 **SEC. 7. ONE-YEAR INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE EF-**
14 **ECTIVENESS OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE**
15 **PROGRAM.**

16 (a) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 90
17 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
18 retary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the cov-
19 ered officials, shall enter into an agreement with an appro-
20 priate entity with experience in adult education to carry
21 out a one-year independent assessment of the Transition
22 Assistance Program under sections 1142 and 1144 of title
23 10, United States Code (in this section referred to as
24 “TAP”), including—

1 (1) the effectiveness of TAP for members of
2 each military department during the entire military
3 life cycle;

4 (2) the appropriateness of the TAP career read-
5 iness standards;

6 (3) a review of information that is provided to
7 the Department of Veterans Affairs under TAP, in-
8 cluding mental health data;

9 (4) whether TAP effectively addresses the chal-
10 lenges veterans face entering the civilian workforce
11 and in translating experience and skills from mili-
12 tary service to the job market;

13 (5) whether TAP effectively addresses the chal-
14 lenges faced by the families of veterans making the
15 transition to civilian life;

16 (6) appropriate metrics regarding TAP out-
17 comes for members of the Armed Forces one year
18 after separation, retirement, or discharge from the
19 Armed Forces;

20 (7) what the Secretary, in consultation with the
21 covered officials and veterans service organizations
22 determine to be successful outcomes for TAP;

23 (8) whether members of the Armed Forces
24 achieve successful outcomes for TAP, as determined
25 under paragraph (7);

1 (9) how the Secretary and the covered officials
2 provide feedback to each other regarding such out-
3 comes;

4 (10) recommendations for the Secretaries of the
5 military departments regarding how to improve out-
6 comes for members of the Armed Forces after sepa-
7 ration, retirement, and discharge; and

8 (11) other topics the Secretary and the covered
9 officials determine would aid members of the Armed
10 Forces as they transition to civilian life.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the com-
12 pletion of the independent assessment under subsection
13 (a), the Secretary and the covered officials, shall submit
14 to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and
15 House of Representatives and the Committees on Armed
16 Services of the Senate and House of Representatives—

17 (1) the findings and recommendations (includ-
18 ing recommended legislation) of the independent as-
19 sessment prepared by the entity described in sub-
20 section (a); and

21 (2) responses of the Secretary and the covered
22 officials to the findings and recommendations de-
23 scribed in paragraph (1).

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

25 (1) The term “covered officials” means—

- 1 (A) the Secretary of Defense;
2 (B) the Secretary of Labor;
3 (C) the Administrator of the Small Busi-
4 ness Administration; and
5 (D) the Secretaries of the military depart-
6 ments.
- 7 (2) The term “military department” has the
8 meaning given that term in section 101 of title 10,
9 United States Code.

10 **SEC. 8. LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON CHANGES TO TAP.**

11 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
13 Affairs, in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense
14 and Labor and the Administrator of the Small Business
15 Administration, shall conduct a five-year longitudinal
16 study regarding the Transition Assistance Program under
17 sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code
18 (in this section referred to as “TAP”), on three separate
19 cohorts of members of the Armed Forces who have sepa-
20 rated from the Armed Forces, including—

- 21 (1) a cohort that has attended TAP counseling
22 as implemented on the date of the enactment of this
23 Act;
- 24 (2) a cohort that attends TAP counseling after
25 the Secretaries of Defense and Labor implement

1 changes recommended in the report under section
2 7(b); and

3 (3) a cohort that has not attended TAP coun-
4 seling.

5 (b) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
6 after the date that is one year after the date of the initi-
7 ation of the study under subsection (a) and annually
8 thereafter for the three subsequent years, the Secretaries
9 of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Labor, and the Adminis-
10 trator of the Small Business Administration, shall submit
11 to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and
12 House of Representatives and the Committees on Armed
13 Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a
14 progress report of activities under the study during the
15 immediately preceding year.

16 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
17 the completion of the study under subsection (a), the Sec-
18 retaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Labor, and the
19 Administrator of the Small Business Administration, shall
20 submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
21 ate and House of Representatives and the Committees on
22 Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representa-
23 tives a report of final findings and recommendations based
24 on the study.

1 (d) ELEMENTS.—The final report under subsection
2 (e) shall include information regarding the following:

3 (1) The percentage of each cohort that received
4 unemployment benefits during the study.

5 (2) The numbers of months members of each
6 cohort were employed during the study.

7 (3) Annual starting and ending salaries of
8 members of each cohort who were employed during
9 the study.

10 (4) How many members of each cohort enrolled
11 in an institution of higher learning, as that term is
12 defined in section 3452(f) of title 38, United States
13 Code.

14 (5) The academic credit hours, degrees, and
15 certificates obtained by members of each cohort dur-
16 ing the study.

17 (6) The annual income of members of each co-
18 hort.

19 (7) The total household income of members of
20 each cohort.

21 (8) How many members of each cohort own
22 their principal residences.

23 (9) How many dependents that members of
24 each cohort have.

1 (10) The percentage of each cohort that
2 achieves a successful outcome for TAP, as deter-
3 mined under section 7(a)(7).

4 (11) Other criteria the Secretaries and the Ad-
5 ministrator of the Small Business Administration
6 determine appropriate.

