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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

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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

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 “Veterans Readiness
5 and Employment Program Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENT UNDER VETERANS**
2 **READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 3106(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”;

7 and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(2) The Secretary may not provide an initial evalua-
11 tion of a veteran under paragraph (1) before the veteran
12 submits to the Secretary an application containing such
13 information as the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

14 **SEC. 3. MAXIMUM DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT ASSIST-**
15 **ANCE UNDER VETERANS READINESS AND EM-**
16 **PLOYMENT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF**
17 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

18 Section 3117(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
19 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
20 graph:

21 “(3) A veteran may not receive assistance under this
22 subsection for more than 365 days.”.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORTING AND DATA COLLECTION REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS UNDER VETERANS READINESS AND**
3 **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT**
4 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new section:

8 **“§ 3123. Requirements for data collection and report-**
9 **ing**

10 “(a) DATA COLLECTION.—The Secretary shall sub-
11 mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate
12 and House of Representatives a report regarding the em-
13 ployment of veterans who participate in a vocational reha-
14 bilitation program under this chapter. Such information
15 shall include, for each such veteran—

16 “(1) the regional office responsible for the pro-
17 vision of the program; and

18 “(2) the annual wages of the veteran before and
19 after the completion of the program.

20 “(b) PUBLICATION OF WAIT TIMES.—On an annual
21 basis, the Secretary shall make publicly available, on an
22 appropriate website of the Department, the average time
23 between the date on which a veteran requests a vocational
24 rehabilitation program under this chapter and the date on
25 which the veteran first meets with a counselor as part of
26 the veteran’s program.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
3 at the end the following new item:

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

4 (c) INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF PROGRAM.—

5 (1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than one
6 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall seek to enter into
8 a contract, with a non-Department entity that has
9 expertise in vocational rehabilitation, pursuant to
10 which the entity shall conduct a review of rehabilita-
11 tion programs (as such term is defined in section
12 3101 of such title) under such chapter.

13 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
14 date of such a contract, the entity shall submit to
15 the Secretary a report containing recommendations
16 regarding how to improve and modernize such reha-
17 bilitation programs.

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