

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a research program to evaluate the effectiveness of Transition Assistance Program in addressing needs of certain minority veterans

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TAKANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. RESEARCH PROGRAM TO EVALUATE EFFEC-**
2 **TIVENESS OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PRO-**
3 **GRAM IN ADDRESSING NEEDS OF CERTAIN**
4 **MINORITY VETERANS.**

5 (a) RESEARCH PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Labor,
6 in collaboration with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and
7 the Secretary of Defense, shall carry out a research pro-
8 gram to evaluate the Transition Assistance Program
9 under section 1144 of title 10, United States Code. Such
10 research program shall be designed to determine how ef-
11 fectively the Transition Assistance Program addresses the
12 differentiated needs, challenges, and post-military service
13 aspirations of women veterans, veterans with disabilities,
14 Native American veterans, and other groups of minority
15 veterans identified by the Secretaries.

16 (b) ISSUES ADDRESSED.—The Secretary of Labor
17 shall ensure that the research program required under
18 subsection (a) addresses each of the following issues:

19 (1) In the context of the transition experience,
20 whether and how the barriers to employment facing
21 women veteran, veterans with disabilities, Native
22 American veterans, and other identified groups of
23 minority veterans are substantively different from
24 other populations of the veteran community.

25 (2) In the context of the transition experience,
26 whether and how the post-military service employ-

1 ment aspirations such groups of veterans covered by
2 the research project are substantively different from
3 such aspirations of other populations of the veteran
4 community.

5 (3) To the extent that any barriers to employ-
6 ment or aspirations are identified under paragraph
7 (1) or (2) as being substantially different for any of
8 the groups of veterans covered by the research
9 project, whether the Transition Assistance Program
10 is designed to appropriately address those dif-
11 ferences.

12 (4) To the extent that the Transition Assist-
13 ance Program is determined not to be designed to
14 appropriately address a difference under paragraph
15 (3), an identification of any change that could be
16 made to the Program to more appropriately address
17 such difference.

18 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 of Labor shall submit to Congress a report on the research
21 program required under this section.