

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training to carry out a pilot program on short-term fellowship programs for veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PILOT PROGRAM ON SHORT-TERM FELLOW-**
4 **SHIP PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Assistant Secretary of Labor
6 for Veterans' Employment and Training shall carry out
7 a pilot program under which a State may use a grant or

1 contract under section 4102A(b)(5) of title 38, United
2 States Code, to carry out a short-term fellowship program.

3 (b) LOCATIONS; AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall
4 select at least three, but not more than five, States to
5 carry out a short-term fellowship program pursuant to
6 subsection (a). Each such State shall enter into an agree-
7 ment with a non-profit organization to carry out such pro-
8 gram.

9 (c) SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Each
10 short-term fellowship program carried out by a State pur-
11 suant to subsection (a) shall—

12 (1) consist of veterans participating as fellows
13 with an employer for a period not exceeding 20
14 weeks;

15 (2) provide to such veterans a monthly stipend
16 during such period; and

17 (3) provide to such veterans an opportunity to
18 be employed on a long-term basis with the employer
19 following such period.

20 (d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
21 than four years after the date on which the pilot program
22 commences under this section, the Comptroller General of
23 the United States shall submit to the Committees on Vet-
24 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
25 Senate a report on the pilot program.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
2 tion to funds made available under section 4102A(b)(5)
3 of title 38, United States Code, there is authorized to be
4 appropriated to the Assistant Secretary to carry out the
5 pilot program under this section \$10,000,000 for each of
6 fiscal years 2021 through 2025.