

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report on the Warrior Training Advancement Course of the Veterans Benefit Administration.

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. REPORTING ON THE WARRIOR TRAINING AD-**
4 **VANCEMENT COURSE OF THE VETERANS**
5 **BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION.**

6 (a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

7 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than

8 **[_____]**, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall

1 submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of
2 the Senate and House of Representatives a report on
3 WARTAC.

4 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—One year after the sub-
5 mission under paragraph (1) and annually there-
6 after, the Secretary shall submit to such Committees
7 a report that contains the elements under para-
8 graphs (1) and (3) of subsection (b) with regards to
9 the preceding year.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—Subject to subsection (a)(2), the re-
11 ports under this section shall include the following ele-
12 ments:

13 (1) BEST TAP PRACTICES.—With regards to
14 best TAP practices of WARTAC—

15 (A) how many covered members have ap-
16 plied to participate in WARTAC;

17 (B) how many covered members have par-
18 ticipated in WARTAC;

19 (C) how the Secretary provides training to
20 covered members during TAP;

21 (D) how many covered members have com-
22 pleted WARTAC; and

23 (E) any other information the Secretary
24 determines appropriate.

1 (2) COST SAVINGS.—With regards to cost sav-
2 ings of WARTAC—

3 (A) how much money the Secretary deter-
4 mines WARTAC saves the United States each
5 fiscal year;

6 (B) how much money the Secretary deter-
7 mines WARTAC has saved the United States
8 since its establishment; and

9 (C) the determination of the Secretary
10 whether other Federal agencies may save money
11 by establishing a program similar to WARTAC.

12 (3) HIRING.—With regards to hiring covered
13 members who complete WARTAC—

14 (A) how the Secretary identifies positions
15 in the Department of Veterans Affairs for
16 which such covered members may qualify;

17 (B) the grades of such positions on the
18 General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5,
19 United States Code; and

20 (C) how many such covered members the
21 Secretary has hired to such positions.

22 (c) DISTRIBUTION.—Not later than 30 days after
23 submitting the report under subsection (a)(1), the Sec-
24 retary of Veterans Affairs shall transmit a copy of the re-
25 port under this section to each head of a Federal agency.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “covered member” means mem-
3 bers of the Armed Forces participating in TAP.

4 (2) The term “TAP” means the Transition As-
5 sistance Program of the Department of Defense
6 under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United
7 States Code.

8 (3) The term “WARTAC” means the Warrior
9 Training Advancement Course of the Veterans Ben-
10 efit Administration, in which the Secretary provides
11 training to covered members so such covered mem-
12 bers may qualify for certain employment in the Vet-
13 erans Benefit Administration.