

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1793
OFFERED BY MR. HAMADEH OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Readiness
3 and Employment Transparency Act of 2025”.

**4 SEC. 2. OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS TRAINING AND REHA-
6 BILITATION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS WITH
7 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES.**

8 (a) VRE CONTACT INFORMATION.—Section 3104 of
9 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new subsection:

11 “(f) The Secretary shall establish a dedicated tele-
12 phone number within the Education Call Center of the De-
13 partment for calls about services provided under this chap-
14 ter. Each regional office of the Department shall include,
15 on the website of the regional office, a name, telephone
16 number, and email address, through which veterans may
17 receive information about services provided under this
18 chapter.”.

1 (b) OUTREACH REQUIREMENT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 38,
3 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
4 end the following new section:

5 **“§ 3123. Outreach requirements**

6 “(a) QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS.—The Sec-
7 retary shall provide monthly question and answer sessions
8 for appropriate school certifying officials during which
9 such officials shall have the opportunity to ask questions
10 of Department employees who are veteran readiness and
11 employment counselors or trained outreach specialists.

12 “(b) INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS.—(1) The Sec-
13 retary shall ensure that veteran readiness and employment
14 counselors or trained outreach specialists employed by a
15 Regional Office of the Department provide in-person brief-
16 ings for veterans about services provided under this chap-
17 ter at each educational institution located in the geo-
18 graphic area served by the Regional Office.

19 “(2) The Secretary may provide a briefing required
20 under paragraph (1) virtually in the case of an educational
21 institution located more than 50 miles away from the
22 headquarters of the Regional Office.

23 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
24 after the date of the enactment of this section, and annu-
25 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Commit-

tees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the extension of periods of vocational rehabilitation programs under section 3105(c) of this title. Such report shall include, for the year covered by the report—

“(1) the number of veterans who requested such an extension;

“(2) the number of such requests that were approved; and

“(3) the number of such requests that were rejected.”.

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

“3123. Outreach requirements.”.

(d) EXTENSION OF ENTITLEMENTS.—Section 3105(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

(2) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) If a veteran applies for an extension under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall approve or reject the exten-

- 1 sion by not later than 30 days after the date on which
- 2 the veteran submits a request for the extension.”.

