

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 760

AN ACT

To enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve
veterans, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Support for Veterans
3 in Effective Apprenticeships Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM COORDINA-**
5 **TION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**
6 **AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
7 **FAIRS.**

8 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this Act:

9 (1) **REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.**—
10 The term “registered apprenticeship program”
11 means an apprenticeship program registered under
12 the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 664; com-
13 monly referred to as the “National Apprenticeship
14 Act”).

15 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Labor.

17 (b) **ADDITIONAL REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP**
18 **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**—Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of law, for any program applying to become a
20 registered apprenticeship program on or after the date
21 that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
22 the Secretary shall—

23 (1) acquire from the program sponsor a written
24 assurance that the sponsor—

25 (A) is aware of the availability of edu-
26 cational assistance for a veteran or other indi-

1 vidual eligible under chapters 30 through 36 of
2 title 38, United States Code, for use in connec-
3 tion with a registered apprenticeship program;

4 (B) will make a good faith effort to obtain
5 approval for educational assistance described in
6 subparagraph (A) for, at a minimum, each pro-
7 gram location that employs or recruits a vet-
8 eran or other individual eligible for educational
9 assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of title
10 38, United States Code; and

11 (C) will not deny the application of a quali-
12 fied candidate who is a veteran or other indi-
13 vidual eligible for educational assistance de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (A) for the purpose of
15 avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain
16 approval as described in subparagraph (B);

17 (2) in accordance with paragraphs (5) and (12)
18 of section 29.5(b) of title 29, Code of Federal Regu-
19 lations (as in effect on the day before the date of en-
20 actment of this Act), require the program sponsor,
21 to the extent practicable, to provide standards that
22 contain provisions to grant advanced standing or
23 credit, and provide increased wages commensurate
24 to such standing or credit, for any veteran or other
25 individual eligible for educational assistance under

1 chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States
2 Code, who—

3 (A) is enrolled in the registered apprentice-
4 ship program; and

5 (B)(i) has a demonstrated competence ap-
6 plicable to the apprenticeship occupation; or

7 (ii) has acquired experience, training, or
8 skills through military service that is applicable
9 to the apprenticeship occupation; and

10 (3) when the Secretary approves the registered
11 apprenticeship program, provide a copy of the pro-
12 gram's certificate of registration to the State ap-
13 proving agency designated under chapter 36 of title
14 38, United States Code, in the State where the pro-
15 gram is located.

Passed the Senate December 4, 2019.

Attest:

Secretary.

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