

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7103
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 “Improving Emerging
3 Tech Opportunities for Veterans Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN HIGH
5 TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3699C of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in the section heading by striking “**High**
9 **technology**” and inserting “**High technology**
10 **and emerging technology**”;

11 (2) by striking “high technology” and inserting
12 “high technology or emerging technology” each place
13 such term appears; and

14 (3) in subsection (c)(4) by adding at the end
15 the following new subparagraph:

16 “(E) Such criteria shall also identify which
17 technologies of critical importance, such as arti-
18 ficial intelligence and semiconductor manufac-

1 turing, shall be treated as emerging tech-
2 nologies for purposes of this section.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of chapter 36 of such title is amended
5 by striking the item relating to section 3699D and insert-
6 ing the following new item:

“3699C. High technology and emerging technology program.”.

7 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3680A of
8 title 38, United States Code, is amended in subsections
9 (a)(4)(B) and (d)(8) by striking “high technology” each
10 place such term appears and inserting “high technology
11 or emerging technology”.

12 **SEC. 3. EMPLOYMENT RATE CALCULATION FOR VET-TEC**
13 **HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND EMERGING TECH-**
14 **NOLOGY PROGRAM.**

15 Section 3699C of title 38, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (f)—

18 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
19 by inserting after “House of Representatives”
20 the following: “, and make available to the pub-
21 lic,”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (3) by adding at the end
23 the following: “Such rate shall be calculated as
24 a fraction, the denominator of which is the
25 number of covered individuals who completed

1 such a program during such year and the nu-
2 merator of which is the number of individuals
3 counted in the denominator who are employed
4 on the date that is 180 days after the date on
5 which the individual completed the program,
6 and expressed as a percentage. Notwithstanding
7 the previous sentence, the numerator shall not
8 count a case in which the individual is employed
9 by the same organization that was the provider
10 of the individual's program of education or a
11 case in which the individual is employed, by a
12 parent or affiliate of such organization, as an
13 instructor for a substantially similar program of
14 education. To the maximum extent practicable,
15 the Secretary shall also report the rates of full-
16 time employment, part-time employment, and
17 self-employment.”; and

18 (2) in subsection (g) by adding at the end the
19 following new paragraph:

20 “(3) The Secretary on an ongoing basis shall solicit,
21 collect, and analyze feedback about the program from cov-
22 ered individuals who participate in the program and from
23 the GI Bill School Feedback Tool. The Secretary shall use

- 1 such feedback to evaluate and improve the implementation
- 2 of the program.”.

