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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona 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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

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

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

16 (b) OUTREACH REQUIREMENT.—

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

20 **“§ 3123. Outreach requirements**

21 “(a) QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS.—The Sec-
22 retary shall require each employee of the Department
23 whose responsibilities include providing counseling and
24 services under this chapter to attend a monthly question
25 and answer session with appropriate school certifying offi-
26 cials.

1 “(b) INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS.—(1) The Sec-
2 retary shall require each veteran readiness and employ-
3 ment counselor to provide for veterans at each educational
4 institution located in the geographic area served by the
5 Regional Office where the counselor is employed an in-
6 person briefing about services provided under this chapter.

7 “(2) The Secretary may provide a briefing required
8 under paragraph (1) virtually in the case of an educational
9 institution located more than 150 miles away from the
10 headquarters of the Regional Office.

11 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of the enactment of this section, and annu-
13 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Commit-
14 tees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
15 resentatives a report on the extension of periods of voca-
16 tional rehabilitation programs under section 3105(c) of
17 this title. Such report shall include, for the year covered
18 by the report—

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

21 “(2) the number of such requests that were ap-
22 proved; and

23 “(3) the number of such requests that were re-
24 jected.”.

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

“3123. Outreach requirements.”.

4 (d) EXTENSION OF ENTITLEMENTS.—Section
5 3105(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

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

12 “(2) If a veteran applies for an extension under
13 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall approve or reject
14 the extension by not later than 30 days after the
15 date on which the veteran submits a request for the
16 extension.”.