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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for apprenticeship or other on-job training, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, and Mr. MICHAUD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for apprenticeship or other on-job training, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38,**

4 **UNITED STATES CODE.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the

6 “Veterans Earn and Learn Act”.

1 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
2 ings:

3 (1) Educational assistance programs for vet-  
4 erans for apprenticeship and on-job training of the  
5 Department of Veterans Affairs assist employers to  
6 hire and retain skilled workers.

7 (2) These programs establish a link between  
8 training afforded to servicemembers while serving in  
9 the Armed Forces and training available in civilian  
10 settings for purposes of occupational licensing and  
11 credentialing.

12 (3) These programs develop a more highly edu-  
13 cated and productive work force.

14 (c) REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES  
15 CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever  
16 in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
17 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-  
18 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
19 section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

20 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF BENEFIT ENTITLEMENT**  
21 **CHARGES FOR CERTAIN ON-JOB TRAINING**  
22 **PROGRAMS.**

23 (a) VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND  
24 SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-

1 ANCE.—Section 3687 is amended by adding at the end  
2 the following new subsection:

3 “(e)(1) For each month that an individual (as defined  
4 in paragraph (3)) is paid a training assistance allowance  
5 under subsection (a), the entitlement of the individual  
6 shall be charged at a percentage rate (rounded to the near-  
7 est percent) that is equal to the ratio of—

8 “(A) such training assistance allowance for the  
9 period of months involved, to

10 “(B) the applicable monthly educational assist-  
11 ance allowance payable to the individual for such pe-  
12 riod of months.”.

13 “(2) For any month in which an individual fails to  
14 complete 120 hours of training, the entitlement otherwise  
15 chargeable under paragraph (1) shall be reduced in the  
16 same proportion as the monthly training assistance allow-  
17 ance payable is reduced under subsection (b)(3).

18 “(3) In this section, the term ‘individual’ means—

19 “(A) an eligible veteran for purposes of chapter  
20 34 of this title who is entitled, under chapter 30 or  
21 34 of this title, as the case may be, to monthly edu-  
22 cational assistance allowances payable under section  
23 3015(e) of this title, or

24 “(B) an eligible person for purposes chapter 35  
25 of this title, who is entitled, under section 3510 of

1 this title, to monthly educational assistance allow-  
2 ances payable under section 3532(a) of this title  
3 as the case may be.”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
5 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to months begin-  
6 ning on or after the date that is 1 year after the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act.

8 **SEC. 3. INCENTIVE PAYMENT FOR EARLY COMPLETION OF**  
9 **APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING.**

10 (a) MONTGOMERY GI BILL.—(1) Section 3032(c) is  
11 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
12 graph:

13 “(4)(A) In the case of an individual who successfully  
14 completes a full-time program of apprenticeship before en-  
15 titlement to monthly educational assistance allowance pay-  
16 able under this subsection for that program is exhausted,  
17 the Secretary shall pay to the individual a lump-sum  
18 amount equal to the difference between—

19 “(i) the total amount of educational assistance  
20 allowances that could have been paid to the indi-  
21 vidual under this subsection for the successful com-  
22 pletion of that program, and

23 “(ii) the amount of educational assistance al-  
24 lowance paid to the individual for the program under  
25 this subsection.

1           “(B) In the case of a lump sum payment paid to an  
2 individual under subparagraph (A), the individual’s enti-  
3 tlement under this chapter (and chapter 34 of this title,  
4 if applicable) shall be charged at the applicable rate under  
5 paragraph (3).”.

6           (2) Paragraph (1) of such section is amended by  
7 striking “Except as provided in paragraph (2)” and in-  
8 serting “Subject to the succeeding provisions”.

9           (b) POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS’ EDUCATIONAL  
10 ASSISTANCE.—(1) Section 3233 is amended by adding at  
11 the end the following new subsection:

12           “(e)(1) In the case of an individual who successfully  
13 completes a full-time program of apprenticeship before en-  
14 titlement to monthly benefit payment payable under this  
15 section for that program is exhausted, the Secretary shall  
16 pay to the individual a lump-sum amount equal to the dif-  
17 ference between—

18                   “(A) the total amount of monthly benefit pay-  
19 ments that could have been paid to the individual  
20 under this section for the successful completion of  
21 that program, and

22                   “(B) the amount of monthly benefit payments  
23 paid to the individual for the program under this  
24 section.

1       “(2) In the case of a lump sum payment paid to an  
2 individual under paragraph (1), the individual’s entitle-  
3 ment under this chapter shall be charged at the applicable  
4 rate under subsections (c) and (d).”

5       (2) Subsection (a) of such section is amended by  
6 striking “Except as provided in subsection (b)” and insert-  
7 ing “Subject to the succeeding provisions”.

8       (c) VETERANS’ EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND SUR-  
9 VIVORS’ AND DEPENDENTS’ EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-  
10 ANCE.—Section 3687, as amended by section 2(a), is fur-  
11 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 section:

13       “(f)(1) In the case of an individual (as defined in sub-  
14 section (e)(3) who successfully completes a full-time pro-  
15 gram of apprenticeship before entitlement to monthly edu-  
16 cational assistance allowance payable for that program is  
17 exhausted, the Secretary shall pay to the individual a  
18 lump-sum amount equal to the difference between—

19               “(A) the total amount of educational assistance  
20 allowances that could have been paid to the indi-  
21 vidual under subsection (a) for the successful com-  
22 pletion of that program, and

23               “(B) the amount of educational assistance al-  
24 lowance paid to the individual for the program under  
25 subsection (a).

1 “(2) In the case of a lump sum payment paid to an  
2 individual under paragraph (1), the entitlement of the in-  
3 dividual under chapter 30, 34, or 35 of this title, as the  
4 case may be, shall be charged at the applicable rate under  
5 subsection (e).”.

6 (d) SELECTED RESERVE MONTGOMERY GI BILL.—  
7 (1) Section 16131(d) of title 10, United States Code, is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
9 graph:

10 “(4)(A) In the case of an individual who successfully  
11 completes a full-time program of apprenticeship before en-  
12 titlement to monthly educational assistance allowance pay-  
13 able under this subsection for that program is exhausted,  
14 the Secretary shall pay to the individual a lump-sum  
15 amount equal to the difference between—

16 “(i) the total amount of educational assistance  
17 allowances that could have been paid to the indi-  
18 vidual under this subsection for the successful com-  
19 pletion of that program, and

20 “(ii) the amount of educational assistance al-  
21 lowance paid to the individual for the program under  
22 this subsection.

23 “(B) In the case of a lump sum payment paid to an  
24 individual under subparagraph (A), the individual’s enti-

1 tlement under this chapter shall be charged at the applica-  
2 ble rate under paragraph (3).”.

3 (2) Paragraph (1) of such section is amended by  
4 striking “Except as provided in paragraph (2)” and in-  
5 serting “Subject to the succeeding provisions of this sub-  
6 section”.

7 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 this section shall apply to programs of training beginning  
9 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4. INCREASE IN BENEFIT FOR INDIVIDUALS PUR-**  
11 **SUING APPRENTICESHIP OR ON-JOB TRAIN-**  
12 **ING AND RELATED POSTSECONDARY CLASS-**  
13 **ROOM EDUCATION TRAINING.**

14 (a) MONTGOMERY GI BILL.—Section 3032(c), as  
15 amended by section 3(a), is further amended by adding  
16 at the end the following new paragraph:

17 “(5)(A) In the case of an individual pursuing a full-  
18 time program of apprenticeship or other on-job training  
19 under this chapter who, as a requirement of such program,  
20 is enrolled in a course of classroom instruction approved  
21 under subchapter I of chapter 36 of this title, notwith-  
22 standing the preceding provisions of this subsection, the  
23 amount of the monthly educational assistance allowance  
24 payable to the individual for each month (or fraction  
25 thereof) the individual is enrolled in such course is the



1 amount payable under section 3015 of this title to an indi-  
2 vidual pursuing a program of education on a full-time  
3 basis.

4 “(B)(i) Subject to clause (ii), in the case of an indi-  
5 vidual pursuing a full-time program of apprenticeship or  
6 other on-job training under this chapter who has volun-  
7 tarily enrolled in a course of classroom instruction ap-  
8 proved under subchapter I of chapter 36 of this title that  
9 is related to such program, notwithstanding the preceding  
10 provisions of this subsection, the amount of the monthly  
11 educational assistance allowance payable to the individual  
12 under this subsection shall be increased for each month  
13 (or fraction thereof) the individual is enrolled in such  
14 course by an amount equal to the applicable reduced rate  
15 established by the Secretary under section 3015 of this  
16 title for an approved program of education pursued on less  
17 than a full-time basis.

18 “(ii) In no case may the amount of the monthly edu-  
19 cational assistance allowance payable to the individual  
20 under clause (i) exceed the amount payable under such  
21 section 3015 to an individual pursuing a program of edu-  
22 cation on a full-time basis.

23 “(C)(i) In the case of a monthly educational assist-  
24 ance allowance paid to an individual under subparagraph  
25 (A) for a month, the individual’s entitlement under this

1 chapter for that month shall be charged at the rate that  
2 otherwise would apply but for this subsection.

3 “(ii) In the case of a monthly educational assistance  
4 allowance paid to an individual under subparagraph (B)  
5 for a month, the charge to the individual’s entitlement for  
6 that month shall be increased proportionately in accord-  
7 ance with the increase in payment under subparagraph  
8 (B).

9 “(iii) Any such charge to the individual’s entitlement  
10 shall be reduced proportionately in accordance with the  
11 reduction in payment under paragraph (2).”.

12 (b) POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS’ EDUCATIONAL  
13 ASSISTANCE.—(1) Section 3233, as amended by section  
14 3(b), is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
15 lowing new subsection:

16 “(f)(1) In the case of an individual pursuing a full-  
17 time program of apprenticeship or other on-job training  
18 under this chapter who, as a requirement of such program,  
19 is enrolled in a course of classroom instruction approved  
20 under subchapter I of chapter 36 of this title, notwith-  
21 standing the preceding provisions of this section, the  
22 amount of the monthly benefit payment payable to the in-  
23 dividual for each month (or fraction thereof) the individual  
24 is enrolled in such course is the amount payable under

1 section 3231 of this title to that individual pursuing a pro-  
2 gram of education on a full-time basis.

3       “(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), in the case of  
4 an individual pursuing a full-time program of apprentice-  
5 ship or other on-job training under this chapter who has  
6 voluntarily enrolled in a course of classroom instruction  
7 approved under subchapter I of chapter 36 of this title  
8 that is related to such program, notwithstanding the pre-  
9 ceding provisions of this section, the amount of the month-  
10 ly benefit payment payable to the individual under this  
11 section shall be increased for each month (or fraction  
12 thereof) the individual is enrolled in such course by an  
13 amount equal to the applicable reduced rate established  
14 by the Secretary under section 3231 of this title for an  
15 approved program of education pursued on less than a  
16 full-time basis.

17       “(B) In no case may the amount of the monthly ben-  
18 efit payment payable to the individual under subparagraph  
19 (A) exceed the amount payable under section 3231 of this  
20 title to an individual pursuing a program of education on  
21 a full-time basis.

22       “(3)(A) In the case of a monthly benefit payment  
23 paid to an individual under paragraph (1) for a month,  
24 the individual’s entitlement under this chapter for that

1 month shall be charged at the rate that otherwise would  
2 apply but for this section.

3 “(B) In the case of a monthly benefit payment paid  
4 to an individual under paragraph (2) for a month, the  
5 charge to the individual’s entitlement for that month shall  
6 be increased proportionately in accordance with the in-  
7 crease in payment under paragraph (2).

8 “(C) Any such charge to the individual’s entitlement  
9 shall be reduced proportionately in accordance with the  
10 reduction in payment under paragraph (2).”.

11 (2) Section 3231(a)(2) is amended—

12 (A) by striking “(2) Except as provided in  
13 paragraph (5)(E) of this subsection and in sub-  
14 section (e) of this section” and inserting “(2)(A) Ex-  
15 cept as provided in subparagraph (B), paragraph  
16 (5)(E),”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 paragraph:

19 “(B) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for ap-  
20 propriately reduced rates of the amount of the monthly  
21 payment otherwise applicable under subparagraph (A) for  
22 programs of educational or vocational assistance pursued  
23 on less than a full-time basis.”.

24 (c) VETERANS’ EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND SUR-  
25 VIVORS’ AND DEPENDENTS’ EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-

1 ANCE.—Section 3687, as amended by section 3(c), is fur-  
2 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
3 section:

4 “(g)(1) In the case of an individual (as defined in  
5 subsection (e)(3)) pursuing a full-time program of appren-  
6 ticeship or other on-job training who, as a requirement  
7 of such program, is enrolled in a course of classroom in-  
8 struction approved under subchapter I, notwithstanding  
9 the preceding provisions of this section, the amount of the  
10 monthly training assistance allowance payable to the indi-  
11 vidual for each month (or fraction thereof) the individual  
12 is enrolled in such course is the amount of educational  
13 assistance allowance payable under section 3015(e) of this  
14 title or under section 3532(a) of this title, as the case may  
15 be, who is pursuing a program of education on a full-time  
16 basis.

17 “(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), in the case of  
18 an individual pursuing a full-time program of apprentice-  
19 ship or other on-job training, as the case may be, who  
20 has voluntarily enrolled in a course of classroom instruc-  
21 tion approved under subchapter I that is related to such  
22 program, notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this  
23 section, the amount of the monthly training assistance al-  
24 lowance payable to the individual under this section shall  
25 be increased for each month (or fraction thereof) the indi-

1 vidual is enrolled in such course by an amount equal to  
2 the applicable reduced rate established by the Secretary  
3 under section 3015 of this title, or section 3532(a), as the  
4 case may be, for an approved program of education pur-  
5 sued on less than a full-time basis.

6 “(B) In no case may the amount of the monthly ben-  
7 efit payment payable to the individual under subparagraph  
8 (A) exceed the amount of educational assistance allowance  
9 payable to the individual under section 3015(e) of this or  
10 under section 3532(a) of this title, as the case may be,  
11 who is pursuing a program of education on a full-time  
12 basis.

13 “(3)(A) In the case of a monthly benefit payment  
14 paid to an individual under paragraph (1) for a month,  
15 the entitlement of the individual under chapter 30, 34, or  
16 35 of this title for that month shall be charged at the rate  
17 that otherwise would apply but for this section.

18 “(B) In the case of a monthly benefit payment paid  
19 to an individual under paragraph (2) for a month, the  
20 charge to the entitlement of the individual under chapter  
21 30, 34, or 35 of this title for that month shall be increased  
22 proportionately in accordance with the increase in pay-  
23 ment under paragraph (2).

1       “(C) Any such charge to the entitlement of the indi-  
2       vidual shall be reduced proportionately in accordance with  
3       the reduction in payment under paragraph (2).”.

4       (d) SELECTED RESERVE MONTGOMERY GI BILL.—  
5       Section 16131 of title 10, United States Code, as amended  
6       by section 3(d), is further amended by adding at the end  
7       the following new paragraph:

8       “(5)(A) In the case of an individual pursuing a full-  
9       time program of apprenticeship or other on-job training  
10      under this chapter who, as a requirement of such program,  
11      is enrolled in a course of classroom instruction approved  
12      under subchapter I of chapter 36 of title 38, notwith-  
13      standing the preceding provisions of this subsection, the  
14      amount of the monthly educational assistance allowance  
15      payable to the individual for each month (or fraction  
16      thereof) the individual is enrolled in such course is the  
17      amount payable under subsection (b) to an individual pur-  
18      suing a program of education on a full-time basis.

19      “(B)(i) Subject to clause (ii), in the case of an indi-  
20      vidual pursuing a full-time program of apprenticeship or  
21      other on-job training under this chapter who has volun-  
22      tarily enrolled in a course of classroom instruction ap-  
23      proved under subchapter I of chapter 36 of title 38 that  
24      is related to such program, notwithstanding the preceding  
25      provisions of this subsection, the amount of the monthly

1 educational assistance allowance payable to the individual  
2 under this subsection shall be increased for each month  
3 (or fraction thereof) the individual is enrolled in such  
4 course by an amount equal to the applicable reduced rate  
5 established by the Secretary under subsection (b) for an  
6 approved program of education pursued on less than a  
7 full-time basis.

8       “(ii) In no case may the amount of the monthly edu-  
9 cational assistance allowance payable to the individual  
10 under clause (i) exceed the amount payable under sub-  
11 section (b) to an individual pursuing a program of edu-  
12 cation on a full-time basis.

13       “(C)(i) In the case of a monthly educational assist-  
14 ance allowance paid to an individual under subparagraph  
15 (A) for a month, the individual’s entitlement under this  
16 chapter for that month shall be charged at the rate that  
17 otherwise would apply but for this subsection.

18       “(ii) In the case of a monthly educational assistance  
19 allowance paid to an individual under subparagraph (B)  
20 for a month, the charge to the individual’s entitlement for  
21 that month shall be increased proportionately in accord-  
22 ance with the increase in payment under subparagraph  
23 (B).



1 “(iii) Any such charge to the individual’s entitlement  
2 shall be reduced proportionately in accordance with the  
3 reduction in payment under paragraph (2).”.

4 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall apply with respect to months beginning  
6 on or after the date that is 1 year after the date of the  
7 enactment of this Act.

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY FOR COMPETENCY-BASED APPREN-**  
9 **TICESHIP PROGRAMS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3672(c) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “(1)” and “(2)” and inserting,  
12 “(A)” and “(B)” respectively;

13 (2) by inserting “(1)” after “(c)”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
15 paragraphs:

16 “(2) The period of a program of apprenticeship may  
17 be determined based upon a specific period of time (com-  
18 monly referred to as a ‘time-based program’), based upon  
19 the demonstration of successful mastery of skills (com-  
20 monly referred to as a ‘competency-based program’), or  
21 based upon a combination thereof.

22 “(3)(A) In the case of a competency-based program  
23 of apprenticeship, in determining the period of such a pro-  
24 gram, the Secretary shall take into consideration the ap-  
25 proximate term of the program recommended in registered

1 apprenticeship program standards recognized by the Sec-  
2 retary of Labor.

3 “(B) The sponsor of a competency-based program of  
4 apprenticeship shall provide notice to the Secretary of any  
5 such standards that may apply to the program and the  
6 proposed approximate period of training under the pro-  
7 gram.

8 “(4) The Secretary of Labor shall notify the Sec-  
9 retary upon the successful completion of a program of ap-  
10 prenticeship by a veteran, eligible veteran, or eligible per-  
11 son, as the case may be.”.

12 (b) INCREASED USE OF APPRENTICESHIPS.—Section  
13 3672(d)(1) is amended by adding at the end the following  
14 new sentence: “The Secretary of Labor shall provide such  
15 assistance and services to the Secretary, and to State ap-  
16 proving agencies, to increase the use of apprenticeships.”.

17 (c) ON-JOB TRAINING.—Section 3677 is amended by  
18 adding at the end the following new subsection:

19 “(d)(1) The sponsor of any program of training on  
20 the job shall submit notice to the Secretary upon the suc-  
21 cessful completion of the program by the veteran, eligible  
22 veteran, or eligible person, as the case may be.

23 “(2) The term ‘training on the job’ includes training  
24 commonly referred to as ‘on-job learning’.”.

1 (d) FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT COMPUTER SYSTEM  
2 MODIFICATIONS.—From amounts appropriated to the De-  
3 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2004 for read-  
4 justment benefits, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
5 use an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to modify com-  
6 puter systems and to develop procedures required to carry  
7 out the amendments made by subsection (a) and sections  
8 2, 3, and 4.

9 **SEC. 6. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ON-JOB BENEFITS**  
10 **TO TRAIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
11 **FAIRS' CLAIMS ADJUDICATORS.**

12 Section 3677, as amended by section 5(e), is further  
13 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14 section:

15 “(e)(1) The Secretary shall conduct a pilot program  
16 under which, the Secretary shall operate a program of  
17 training on the job under this section for a period (not-  
18 withstanding subsection (e)(2)) of up to three years in du-  
19 ration to train employees of the Department to become  
20 qualified adjudicators of claims for compensation, depend-  
21 ency and indemnity compensation, and pension.

22 “(2) Amounts of educational assistance, monthly ben-  
23 efit payments, and training assistance allowance under  
24 chapters 30, 31, 32, 34, and 35 of this title, as the case

1 may be, shall be payable to such employees during each  
2 month of training under the program.

3 “(3)(A) Not later than 3 years after the implementa-  
4 tion of the pilot project, the Secretary shall submit to Con-  
5 gress an initial report on the pilot project. The report shall  
6 include an assessment of the usefulness of the program  
7 in recruiting and retaining of personnel of the Department  
8 as well as an assessment of the value of the program as  
9 a training program.

10 “(B) Not later than 18 months after the date on  
11 which the initial report under subparagraph (A) is sub-  
12 mitted, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a final re-  
13 port on the pilot project. The final report shall include  
14 recommendations of the Secretary with respect to continu-  
15 ation of the pilot project and with respect to expansion  
16 of the types of claims for which the extended period of  
17 on the job training is available to train such employees.

18 “(4) The pilot project shall terminate 5 years after  
19 the date of the implementation of the project.”.

20 **SEC. 7. REQUIREMENT FOR COORDINATION OF DATA**  
21 **AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS**  
22 **AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, AND LABOR WITH RE-**  
23 **SPECT TO ON-JOB TRAINING.**

24 Section 3694 is amended—

1           (1) by striking “In carrying out” and inserting  
2           “(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out”; and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4           section:

5           “(b) COORDINATION OF INFORMATION AMONG THE  
6 DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, AND  
7 LABOR WITH RESPECT TO ON-JOB TRAINING.—At the  
8 time of a servicemember’s discharge or release from active  
9 duty service, the Secretary of Defense shall furnish to the  
10 Secretary such pertinent information concerning each reg-  
11 istered apprenticeship pursued by the servicemember dur-  
12 ing the period of active duty service of the servicemember.  
13 The Secretary, in conjunction with the Secretary of Labor,  
14 shall encourage and assist States and private organiza-  
15 tions to give credit to servicemembers for the registered  
16 apprenticeship program so pursued in the case of any re-  
17 lated apprenticeship program the servicemember may pur-  
18 sue as a civilian.”.

19 **SEC. 8. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

20           (a) DEFINITION OF TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT.—  
21 Section 3452(e) is amended by striking “or any State ap-  
22 prenticeship agency, or any State board of vocational edu-  
23 cation, or any joint apprenticeship committee, or the Bu-  
24 reau of Apprenticeship and Training established pursuant  
25 to the Act of August 16, 1937, popularly known as the

1 “National Apprenticeship Act” (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.),”  
2 and inserting “any State board of vocational education,  
3 any Federal or State apprenticeship registration agency,  
4 any joint apprenticeship committee established pursuant  
5 to the Act of August 16, 1937, popularly known as the  
6 ‘National Apprenticeship Act’ (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.),”.

7 (b) CLARIFICATION OF APPLICABLE APPRENTICE-  
8 SHIP STANDARDS.—(1) Section 3672(c), as amended by  
9 section 5(a), is amended in subparagraph (A) by inserting  
10 “apprenticeship” before “standards”.

11 (2) Section 3672(d)(1) is amended by striking “of  
12 programs of training on the job (including programs of  
13 apprenticeship)” and inserting “of apprenticeship and on  
14 the job training programs”.

15 (c) JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT FUNCTIONS OF  
16 THE DEPARTMENT.—(1) Section 4102A, as amended by  
17 section 4(a) of the Jobs for Veterans Act (Public Law  
18 107–288; 116 Stat. 2038), is amended by striking “Octo-  
19 ber 1, 2002” in subsection (c)(2)(B)(ii) and inserting “Oc-  
20 tober 1, 2003”.

21 (2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall  
22 take effect as if included in the enactment of section 4(a)  
23 of the Jobs for Veterans Act (Public Law 107–288; 116  
24 Stat. 2038).

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