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H. R. 2285

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Labor to provide staffing at military installations overseas to carry out employment counseling under the Transition Assistance Program for persons separating from active duty in the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON (for himself, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. BUYER) 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

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 “Servicemembers Over-
5 seas Outreach Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTSTATIONING OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PRO-**
2 **GRAM PERSONNEL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 41 of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§4113. Outstationing of Transition Assistance Pro-**
7 **gram personnel**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary shall station
9 employees of the Veterans’ Employment and Training
10 Service, or contractors under subsection (b), at veterans
11 assistance offices described in paragraph (2) to provide,
12 in person, counseling, assistance in identifying employ-
13 ment and training opportunities, help in obtaining such
14 employment and training, and other related information
15 and services to members of the Armed Forces who are
16 being separated from active duty, and the spouses of such
17 members, under the Transition Assistance Program and
18 Disabled Transition Assistance Program established in
19 section 1144 of title 10.

20 “(2) Veterans assistance offices referred to in para-
21 graph (1) are those offices that are established on military
22 installations pursuant to section 7723(a) of this title.

23 “(b) AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE EN-
24 TITIES.—The Secretary, consistent with such section
25 1144, may enter into contracts with public or private enti-
26 ties to provide, in person, some or all of the counseling,

1 assistance, information and services under the Transition
2 Assistance Program required under subsection (a).”.

3 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
4 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
5 new item:

“4113. Outstationing of Transition Assistance Program personnel.”.

6 (b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later
7 than the date that is 90 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall carry out
9 section 4113 of title 38, United States Code, as added by
10 subsection (a), and shall have employees of the Veterans’
11 Employment and Training Service, or contractors, to
12 carry out that section at the military installations involved
13 by such date.

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