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# H. R. 966

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Disabled Veterans’ Re-  
5       turn-to-Work Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT OF VETERANS VOCATIONAL**  
2 **TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PENSION**  
3 **RECIPIENTS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROGRAM PERIOD.—  
5 Subsection (a)(3) of section 1524 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended by striking “the period beginning  
7 on February 1, 1985, and ending on December 31, 1995”  
8 and inserting “the five-year period beginning on the date  
9 of the enactment of the Disabled Veterans’ Return-to-  
10 Work Act of 2003”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b)(4)  
12 of such section is amended by striking “December 31,  
13 1995” and inserting “the end of the program period”.

14 (c) OUTREACH.—Such section is further amended by  
15 adding at the end the following new subsection:

16 “(f) The Secretary shall ensure that the availability  
17 of vocational training under this section is made known  
18 through a variety of means, including the Internet and an-  
19 nouncements in Department publications and other vet-  
20 erans’ publications.”.

21 (d) REPORTS.—Such section is further amended by  
22 adding at the end the following new subsection:

23 “(g) Not later than two years after the date of the  
24 enactment of the Disabled Veterans’ Return-to-Work Act  
25 of 2003, and each year thereafter, the Secretary shall sub-  
26 mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate

1 and House of Representatives a report on the operation  
2 of this section. The report shall set forth an evaluation  
3 of the vocational training provided under this section for  
4 the period involved, and shall include an analysis of the  
5 cost-effectiveness of the vocational training provided under  
6 this section as well as data on the entered-employment  
7 rate of veterans pursuing such vocational training.”.

8 (e) **STYLISTIC AMENDMENTS.**—Such section is fur-  
9 ther amended—

10 (1) by striking “of Veterans Affairs” in sub-  
11 section (a)(1); and

12 (2) by striking “of this section” in subsections  
13 (a)(2), (b)(1), (b)(4) (both places it appears), (c),  
14 (d), and (e).

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