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H. R. 1168

To amend chapter 42 of title 38, United States Code, to provide certain veterans with employment training assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 Retraining
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYMENT TRAINING ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 42 of title 38, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 4216. Employment Training Assistance for Unem-**
2 **ployed Veterans.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall pay
4 to each covered veteran a monthly training assistance al-
5 lowance under this section for each month that a covered
6 veteran is enrolled in an employment and training pro-
7 gram that teaches a skill in demand, as determined by
8 the Secretary.

9 “(b) AMOUNT.—The amount of the training assist-
10 ance allowance under this section is the amount equal to
11 the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing
12 payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member of the
13 Armed Forces with dependents in pay grade E–5 residing
14 in the military housing area that encompasses all or the
15 majority portion of the ZIP code area in which the veteran
16 resides.

17 “(c) DURATION.—A covered veteran is entitled to
18 training assistance under this section for not more than
19 six months during each 10-year period beginning on the
20 date in which the covered veteran first receives training
21 allowance under this section.

22 “(d) MOVING STIPEND.—In addition to the training
23 assistance allowance payable under subsection (b), the
24 Secretary shall pay an amount of not more than \$5,000
25 to each covered veteran for moving expenses related to the

1 veteran's receipt of training for which an allowance is paid
2 under this section.

3 “(e) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
4 ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who is—

5 “(1) unemployed for a period of not less than
6 four consecutive months at the time of applying for
7 training assistance under this section;

8 “(2) able to successfully complete the employ-
9 ment and training program described in subsection
10 (a), as determined by the Secretary; and

11 “(3) except as provided under this section, ineli-
12 gible for education or training assistance under this
13 title.

14 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 \$100,000,000 for each fiscal year.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
18 at the beginning of chapter 42 of title 38, United States
19 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“4216. Employment training assistance for unemployed veterans.”.

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