

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1168

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## AN ACT

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

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Retraining  
3 Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYMENT TRAINING ASSISTANCE.**

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

8 **“§ 4216. Employment Training Assistance for Unem-  
9 ployed Veterans.**

10 “(a) MONTHLY TRAINING ASSISTANCE ALLOW-  
11 ANCE.—Subject to the availability of appropriations for  
12 such purpose, the Secretary of Labor may pay to each cov-  
13 ered veteran a monthly training assistance allowance  
14 under this section for each month that a covered veteran  
15 is enrolled in an employment and training program that  
16 teaches a skill in demand, as determined by the Secretary.

17 “(b) AMOUNT.—The amount of the training assist-  
18 ance allowance under this section is the amount equal to  
19 the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing  
20 payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member of the  
21 Armed Forces with dependents in pay grade E–5 residing  
22 in the military housing area that encompasses all or the  
23 majority portion of the ZIP code area in which the veteran  
24 resides.

25 “(c) DURATION.—A covered veteran may receive  
26 training assistance under this section for not more than

1 six months during each 10-year period beginning on the  
2 date in which the covered veteran first receives training  
3 allowance under this section.

4 “(d) MOVING STIPEND.—Subject to the availability  
5 of appropriations for such purpose, in addition to the  
6 training assistance allowance payable under subsection  
7 (a), the Secretary may reimburse each covered veteran,  
8 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for moving expenses  
9 related to the veteran’s receipt of training for which an  
10 allowance is paid under this section.

11 “(e) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,  
12 the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who is—

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

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

19 “(3) except as provided under this section, ineli-  
20 gible for education or training assistance under this  
21 title.

22 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
24 \$100,000,000 for each fiscal year.”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 at the beginning of chapter 42 of title 38, United States  
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
4 item:

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

5           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 4216 of title 38,  
6 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall  
7 apply with respect to months beginning on or after the  
8 first day of fiscal year 2011.

Passed the House of Representatives November 2,  
2009.

Attest:                                   LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*