

# Union Calendar No. 185

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

# H. R. 1168

**[Report No. 111-323]**

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2009

Additional sponsors: Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BUYER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, and Mr. MINNICK

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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 “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:

10 **“§ 4216. Employment Training Assistance for Unem-**  
11 **ployed Veterans.**

12 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Labor shall pay  
13 to each covered veteran a monthly training assistance al-  
14 lowance under this section for each month that a covered  
15 veteran is enrolled in an employment and training pro-  
16 gram that teaches a skill in demand, as determined by  
17 the Secretary.

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

1       “(c) DURATION.—A covered veteran is entitled to  
2 training assistance under this section for not more than  
3 six months during each 10-year period beginning on the  
4 date in which the covered veteran first receives training  
5 allowance under this section.

6       “(d) MOVING STIPEND.—In addition to the training  
7 assistance allowance payable under subsection (b), the  
8 Secretary shall pay an amount of not more than \$5,000  
9 to each covered veteran for moving expenses related to the  
10 veteran’s receipt of training for which an allowance is paid  
11 under this section.

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

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

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

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

23       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
25 \$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:

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

4 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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6 *of 2009”.*

7 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYMENT TRAINING ASSISTANCE.**

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10 new section:

11 **“§4216. Employment Training Assistance for Unem-**  
12 **ployed Veterans.**

13           “(a) *MONTHLY TRAINING ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE.*—  
14 *Subject to the availability of appropriations for such pur-*  
15 *pose, the Secretary of Labor may pay to each covered vet-*  
16 *eran a monthly training assistance allowance under this*  
17 *section for each month that a covered veteran is enrolled*  
18 *in an employment and training program that teaches a*  
19 *skill in demand, as determined by the Secretary.*

20           “(b) *AMOUNT.*—*The amount of the training assistance*  
21 *allowance under this section is the amount equal to the*  
22 *monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable*  
23 *under section 403 of title 37 for a member of the Armed*  
24 *Forces with dependents in pay grade E–5 residing in the*

1 *military housing area that encompasses all or the majority*  
2 *portion of the ZIP code area in which the veteran resides.*

3       “(c) *DURATION.*—*A covered veteran may receive train-*  
4 *ing assistance under this section for not more than six*  
5 *months during each 10-year period beginning on the date*  
6 *in which the covered veteran first receives training allow-*  
7 *ance under this section.*

8       “(d) *MOVING STIPEND.*—*Subject to the availability of*  
9 *appropriations for such purpose, in addition to the training*  
10 *assistance allowance payable under subsection (a), the Sec-*  
11 *retary may reimburse each covered veteran, in an amount*  
12 *not to exceed \$5,000, for moving expenses related to the vet-*  
13 *eran’s receipt of training for which an allowance is paid*  
14 *under this section.*

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

17               “(1) *unemployed for a period of not less than*  
18 *four consecutive months at the time of applying for*  
19 *training assistance under this section;*

20               “(2) *able to successfully complete the employment*  
21 *and training program described in subsection (a), as*  
22 *determined by the Secretary; and*

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24 *gible for education or training assistance under this*  
25 *title.*

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2 *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section*  
3 *\$100,000,000 for each fiscal year.*”.

4           (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections at*  
5 *the beginning of chapter 42 of title 38, United States Code,*  
6 *is amended by adding at the end the following new item:*  
*“4216. Employment training assistance for unemployed veterans.”.*

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

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