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H. R. 4592

[Report No. 111–453]

To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Mr. TEAGUE (for himself and Mr. PERRIELLO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MARCH 22, 2010

Additional sponsors: Mr. BUYER, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. HARE

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 3, 2010]

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 referred to as the “Energy Jobs for*
5 *Veterans Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. VETERANS ENERGY-RELATED EMPLOYMENT PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.—To en-*
9 *courage the employment of eligible veterans in the energy*
10 *industry, the Secretary of Labor, as part of the Veteran’s*
11 *Workforce Investment Program, shall carry out a pilot pro-*
12 *gram to be known as the “Veterans Energy-Related Em-*
13 *ployment Program”. Under the pilot program, the Sec-*
14 *retary shall award competitive grants to three States for*
15 *the establishment and administration of a State program*
16 *to make grants to energy employers and labor-management*
17 *organizations that provide covered training, on-job train-*
18 *ing, apprenticeships, and certification classes to eligible vet-*
19 *erans. Such a program shall be known as a “State Energy-*
20 *Related Employment Program”.*

21 (b) *ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS.—To be eligible to re-*
22 *ceive a grant under the pilot program, a State shall submit*
23 *to the Secretary an application that includes each of the*
24 *following:*

1 (1) *A proposal for the expenditure of grant funds*
2 *to establish and administer a public-private partner-*
3 *ship program designed to provide covered training,*
4 *on-job training, apprenticeships, and certification*
5 *classes to a significant number of eligible veterans*
6 *and ensure lasting and sustainable employment in*
7 *well-paying jobs in the energy industry.*

8 (2) *Evidence that the State has—*

9 (A) *a population of eligible veterans of an*
10 *appropriate size to carry out the State program;*

11 (B) *a robust and diverse energy industry;*

12 *and*

13 (C) *the ability to carry out the State pro-*
14 *gram described in the proposal under paragraph*

15 (1).

16 (3) *Such other information and assurances as*
17 *the Secretary may require.*

18 (c) *USE OF FUNDS.—A State that is the recipient of*
19 *a grant under this section shall use the grant for the fol-*
20 *lowing purposes:*

21 (1) *Making grants to energy employers and*
22 *labor-management organizations to reimburse such*
23 *employers and organizations for the cost of providing*
24 *covered training, on-job training, apprenticeships,*
25 *and certification classes to eligible veterans.*

1 (2) *Conducting outreach to inform energy em-*
2 *ployers, labor-management organizations, and vet-*
3 *erans, including veterans in rural areas, of their eli-*
4 *gibility or potential eligibility for participation in*
5 *the State program.*

6 (d) *CONDITIONS.—Under the pilot program, each*
7 *grant to a State shall be subject to the following conditions:*

8 (1) *The State shall repay to the Secretary, on*
9 *such date as shall be determined by the Secretary,*
10 *any amount received under the pilot program that is*
11 *not used for the purposes described in subsection (c).*

12 (2) *The State shall submit to the Secretary, at*
13 *such times and containing such information as the*
14 *Secretary shall require, reports on the use of grant*
15 *funds.*

16 (e) *EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS.—In order to receive*
17 *a grant made by a State under the pilot program, an en-*
18 *ergy employer shall—*

19 (1) *submit to the administrator of the State En-*
20 *ergy-Related Employment Program an application*
21 *that includes—*

22 (A) *the rate of pay for each eligible veteran*
23 *proposed to be trained using grant funds;*

24 (B) *the average rate of pay for an indi-*
25 *vidual employed by the energy employer in a*

1 *similar position who is not an eligible veteran;*
2 *and*

3 *(C) such other information and assurances*
4 *as the administrator may require; and*

5 *(2) agree to submit to the administrator, for each*
6 *quarter, a report containing such information as the*
7 *Secretary may specify.*

8 *(f) LIMITATION.—None of the funds made available to*
9 *an energy employer through a grant under the pilot pro-*
10 *gram may be used to provide training of any kind to a*
11 *person who is not an eligible veteran.*

12 *(g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Together with the report*
13 *required to be submitted annually under section 4107(c) of*
14 *title 38, United States Code, the Secretary shall submit to*
15 *Congress a report on the pilot program for the year covered*
16 *by such report. The report on the pilot program shall in-*
17 *clude a detailed description of activities carried out under*
18 *this section and an evaluation of the program.*

19 *(h) ADMINISTRATIVE AND REPORTING COSTS.—Of the*
20 *amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-*
21 *propriations under subsection (j), two percent shall be made*
22 *available to the Secretary for administrative costs associ-*
23 *ated with implementing and evaluating the pilot program*
24 *under this section and for preparing and submitting the*
25 *report required under subsection (f). The Secretary shall de-*

1 *termine the appropriate maximum amount of each grant*
2 *awarded under this section that may be used by the recipi-*
3 *ent for administrative and reporting costs.*

4 *(i) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:*

5 *(1) The term “covered training, on-job training,*
6 *apprenticeships, and certification classes” means*
7 *training, on-job training, apprenticeships, and cer-*
8 *tification classes that are—*

9 *(A) designed to provide the veteran with*
10 *skills that are particular to an energy industry*
11 *and not directly transferable to employment in*
12 *another industry; and*

13 *(B) approved as provided in paragraph (1)*
14 *or (2), as appropriate, of subsection (a) of sec-*
15 *tion 3687 of title 38, United States Code.*

16 *(2) The term “eligible veteran” means a veteran,*
17 *as that term is defined in section 101(3) of title 38,*
18 *United States Code, who is employed by an energy*
19 *employer and enrolled or participating in a covered*
20 *training, on-job training, apprenticeship, or certifi-*
21 *cation class.*

22 *(3) The term “energy employer” means an entity*
23 *that employs individuals in a trade or business in an*
24 *energy industry.*

1 (4) *The term “energy industry” means any of*
2 *the following industries:*

3 (A) *The energy-efficient building, construc-*
4 *tion, or retrofits industry.*

5 (B) *The renewable electric power industry,*
6 *including the wind and solar energy industries.*

7 (C) *The biofuels industry.*

8 (D) *The energy efficiency assessment indus-*
9 *try that serves the residential, commercial, or in-*
10 *dustrial sectors.*

11 (E) *The oil and natural gas industry.*

12 (F) *The nuclear industry.*

13 (j) *APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be ap-*
14 *propriated to the Secretary \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal*
15 *years 2011 through 2015, for the purpose of carrying out*
16 *the pilot program.*

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