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To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2013

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Servicemembers’
5 Choice in Transition Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTENTS OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1144 of title 10, United
8 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(9) Provide information about disability-re-
4 lated employment and education protections.”;

5 (2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
6 (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively; and

7 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
8 lowing new subsection (c):

9 “(c) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM.—The
10 mandatory program carried out under this section shall
11 include—

12 “(1) for any member who plans to use the
13 member’s entitlement to educational assistance
14 under title 38—

15 “(A) instruction providing an overview of
16 the use of such entitlement; and

17 “(B) testing to determine academic readi-
18 ness for post-secondary education, courses of
19 post-secondary education appropriate for the
20 member, courses of post-secondary education
21 compatible with the member’s education goals,
22 and instruction on how to finance the member’s
23 post-secondary education; and

24 “(2) instruction in the benefits under laws ad-
25 ministered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and

1 in other subjects determined by the Secretary con-
2 cerned.”.

3 (b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The pro-
4 gram carried out under section 1144 of title 10, United
5 States Code, shall comply with the requirements of sub-
6 sections (b)(9) and (c) of such section, as added by sub-
7 section (a), by not later than April 1, 2015.

8 (c) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 270 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on
11 Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the House of Rep-
12 resentatives the results of a study carried out by the Sec-
13 retary to determine the feasibility of providing the instruc-
14 tion described in subsection (b) of section 1142 of title
15 10, United States Code, at all overseas locations where
16 such instruction is provided by entering into a contract
17 jointly with the Secretary of Labor for the provision of
18 such instruction.

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