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To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to enter into a contract for the conduct of a longitudinal study of the job counseling, training, and placement services for veterans provided by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Mr. COOK (for himself and Ms. TITUS) 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 Employment
5 and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF JOB COUNSELING,**
2 **TRAINING, AND PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR**
3 **VETERANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 41 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 4115. Longitudinal study of job counseling, train-**
8 **ing, and placement service for veterans**

9 “(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—(1) The Secretary shall
10 enter into a contract with a non-government entity to con-
11 duct a longitudinal study of a statistically valid sample
12 of each of the groups of individuals described in paragraph
13 (2). The contract shall provide for the study of each such
14 group over a period of at least five years.

15 “(2) The groups of individuals described in this para-
16 graph are the following:

17 “(A) Veterans who have received intensive serv-
18 ices.

19 “(B) Veterans who did not receive intensive
20 services but who otherwise received services under
21 this chapter.

22 “(C) Veterans who did not seek or receive serv-
23 ices under this chapter.

24 “(3) The study required by this subsection shall in-
25 clude the collection of the following information for each
26 individual who participates in the study:

1 “(A) The average number of months such indi-
2 vidual served on active duty.

3 “(B) The distribution of disability ratings of
4 such individual.

5 “(C) Any unemployment benefits received by
6 such individual.

7 “(D) The average number of months such indi-
8 vidual was employed during the year covered by the
9 report.

10 “(E) The average annual starting and ending
11 salaries of any such individual who was employed
12 during the year covered by the report.

13 “(F) The average annual income of such indi-
14 vidual.

15 “(G) The average total household income of
16 such individual for the year covered by the report.

17 “(H) The percentage of such individuals who
18 own their principal residences.

19 “(I) The employment status of such individual.

20 “(J) In the case of such an individual who re-
21 ceived services under this chapter, whether the indi-
22 vidual believes that any service provided by a dis-
23 abled veterans’ outreach specialist or local veterans’
24 employment representative helped the individual to
25 become employed.

1 “(K) In the case of such an individual who be-
2 lieves such a service helped the individual to become
3 employed, whether—

4 “(i) the individual retained the position of
5 employment for a period of one year or longer;
6 and

7 “(ii) the individual believes such a service
8 helped the individual to secure a higher wage or
9 salary.

10 “(L) The conditions under which such indi-
11 vidual was discharged or released from the Armed
12 Forces.

13 “(M) Whether such individual has used any
14 educational assistance to which the individual is en-
15 titled under this title.

16 “(N) Whether such individual has participated
17 in a rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of this
18 title.

19 “(O) Demographic information about such indi-
20 vidual.

21 “(P) Such other information as the Secretary
22 determines appropriate.

23 “(b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—(1) By not later than July
24 1 of each year covered by the study required under sub-
25 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees

1 on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
2 resentatives a report on the outcomes of the study during
3 the preceding year.

4 “(2) The Secretary shall include in each annual re-
5 port submitted under paragraph (1) any information the
6 Secretary determines is necessary to determine the long-
7 term outcomes of the individuals in the groups described
8 in subsection (a)(2).”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
11 at the end the following new item:

“4115. Longitudinal study of job counseling, training, and placement service for
veterans.”.

