

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4954

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require members of the Armed Forces to receive additional training under the Transition Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida (for herself, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. CURBELO of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Better Access to Tech-
5 nical Training, Learning, and Entrepreneurship for Ser-
6 vicemembers Act” or the “BATTLE for Servicemembers
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED TRAINING; WAIVERS.**

2 Section 1144(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in the heading, by striking “OPPORTUNI-
5 TIES”;

6 (2) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by inserting “and subject to paragraph
8 (2)” after “section”;

9 (B) by striking “the Secretary of Defense”
10 and all that follows through “shall permit”; and

11 (C) by striking “to elect to” and inserting
12 “shall”; and

13 (3) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(2) The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of
16 Homeland Security shall, under regulations such Secre-
17 taries shall prescribe, waive the additional training under
18 paragraph (1) for:

19 “(A) Such groups or classifications of members
20 as the Secretaries determine, after consultation with
21 the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Vet-
22 erans Affairs, for whom participation is not and
23 would not be of assistance to such members based
24 on the articulable justification of the Secretaries
25 that there is extraordinarily high reason to believe
26 the exempted members are unlikely to face major re-

1 adjustment, health care, employment, or other chal-
2 lenges associated with transition to civilian life.

3 “(B) A member possessing specialized skills
4 who, due to unavoidable circumstances, is needed to
5 support the imminent deployment of a unit.

6 “(C) A member who elects in writing not to re-
7 ceive such additional training.”.

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