Public Law 116–134
116th Congress

An Act

To enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. IMPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:
   (1) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term “registered apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship program registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 664; commonly referred to as the “National Apprenticeship Act”).
   (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Labor.

(b) ADDITIONAL REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any program applying to become a registered apprenticeship program on or after the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—
   (1) acquire from the program sponsor a written assurance that the sponsor—
      (A) is aware of the availability of educational assistance for a veteran or other individual eligible under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code, for use in connection with a registered apprenticeship program;
      (B) will make a good faith effort to obtain approval for educational assistance described in subparagraph (A) for, at a minimum, each program location that employs or recruits a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code; and
      (C) will not deny the application of a qualified candidate who is a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance described in subparagraph (A) for the purpose of avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain approval as described in subparagraph (B);
   (2) in accordance with paragraphs (5) and (12) of section 29.5(b) of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect...
on the day before the date of enactment of this Act), require
the program sponsor, to the extent practicable, to provide stand-
ards that contain provisions to grant advanced standing or
credit, and provide increased wages commensurate to such
standing or credit, for any veteran or other individual eligible
for educational assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of
title 38, United States Code, who—

(A) is enrolled in the registered apprenticeship pro-
gram; and

(B) if
(i) has a demonstrated competence applicable to
the apprenticeship occupation; or

(ii) has acquired experience, training, or skills through
military service that is applicable to the apprenticeship
occupation; and

(3) when the Secretary approves the registered apprentice-
ship program, provide a copy of the program’s certificate of
registration to the State approving agency designated under
chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, in the State where
the program is located.

Approved March 26, 2020.