

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2391

To direct the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training to carry out a pilot program on short-term fellowship programs for veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2021

Mr. CAWTHORN (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. MANN, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To direct the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training to carry out a pilot program on short-term fellowship programs for veterans.

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 Fellowship
5 Act".

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIP**
7 **PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Assistant Secretary of Labor
9 for Veterans' Employment and Training shall carry out

1 a pilot program under which a State may use a grant or
2 contract under section 4102A(b)(5) of title 38, United
3 States Code, to carry out a short-term fellowship program.

4 (b) LOCATIONS; AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall
5 select at least three, but not more than five, States to
6 carry out a short-term fellowship program pursuant to
7 subsection (a). Each such State shall enter into an agree-
8 ment with a non-profit organization to carry out such pro-
9 gram.

10 (c) SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Each
11 short-term fellowship program carried out by a State pur-
12 suant to subsection (a) shall—

13 (1) consist of veterans participating as fellows
14 with an employer for a period not exceeding 20
15 weeks;

16 (2) provide to such veterans a monthly stipend
17 during such period; and

18 (3) provide to such veterans an opportunity to
19 be employed on a long-term basis with the employer
20 following such period.

21 (d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
22 than four years after the date on which the pilot program
23 commences under this section, the Comptroller General of
24 the United States shall submit to the Committees on Vet-

1 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
2 Senate a report on the pilot program.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
4 tion to funds made available under section 4102A(b)(5)
5 of title 38, United States Code, there is authorized to be
6 appropriated to the Assistant Secretary to carry out the
7 pilot program under this section \$10,000,000 for each of
8 fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

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