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S. 2268

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12, 2023

Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) 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 “Ensuring Interagency
5 Cooperation to Support Veterans Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
2 **AFFAIRS-DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE JOINT**
3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

4 Section 320 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;
9 and” and inserting a semicolon;

10 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
11 the period at the end and inserting a semi-
12 colon; and

13 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing new subparagraphs:

15 “(C) the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Vet-
16 erans’ Employment and Training and such other of-
17 ficers and employees of the Department of Labor as
18 the Secretary of Labor may designate; and

19 “(D) such officers and employees of other Exec-
20 utive agencies as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
21 and the Secretary of Defense jointly determine, with
22 the consent of the heads of the Executive agencies
23 of such officers and employees, necessary to carry
24 out the goals and objectives of the Committee.”;

25 (B) by adding at the end the following new
26 paragraph:

1 “(3) The co-chairs of the Committee are the Deputy
 2 Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary of
 3 Defense for Personnel and Readiness.”;

4 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “Job
 5 Training and Post-Service Placement Executive
 6 Committee” and inserting “Transition Executive
 7 Committee”;

8 (3) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
 9 following new paragraph:

10 “(6) Develop, implement, and oversee such
 11 other joint actions, initiatives, programs, and policies
 12 as the two Secretaries determine appropriate and
 13 consistent with the purpose of the Committee.”; and

14 (4) in subsection (e)—

15 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
 16 “JOB TRAINING AND POST-SERVICE PLACE-
 17 MENT” and inserting “TRANSITION”;

18 (B) in the matter before paragraph (1)—

19 (i) by striking “Job Training and
 20 Post-Service Placement” and inserting
 21 “Transition”; and

22 (ii) by inserting “, in addition to such
 23 other activities as may assigned to the
 24 committee under subsection (d)(6)” after
 25 “shall”; and

- 1 (C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, tran-
- 2 sition from life in the Armed Forces to civilian
- 3 life,” after “job training”.

