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H. R. 9379

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the VA Work-Study program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. CASE, Mr. LIEU, Ms. TITUS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. CARSON, Ms. DEAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. ROSS, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SOTO, Mr. KILMER, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. WILD, Mr. TRONE, and Ms. KUSTER) 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 “VA Work-Study Im-
5 provement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO VA WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—Subsection (a)(5) of
3 section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, is amended
4 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

5 “(L) Any other activity at an agency of a State
6 or local government or a nonprofit organization that
7 would benefit, directly or indirectly, veterans or
8 members of the Armed Forces.”.

9 (b) APPLICABLE HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE.—Para-
10 graph (7) of subsection (a) of such section is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 “(7) For the purposes of this subsection and sub-
13 section (e), the term ‘applicable hourly minimum wages’
14 means the higher of the following wages:

15 “(A) The hourly minimum wage under section
16 6(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29
17 U.S.C. 206(a)).

18 “(B) The hourly minimum wage under com-
19 parable law of the State in which the services are to
20 be performed.

21 “(C) The hourly minimum wage under com-
22 parable law of the local government with jurisdiction
23 over the area in which the services are to be per-
24 formed.”.

1 (c) INCREASED NUMBER OF WORK HOURS AUTHOR-
2 IZED.—Paragraph (3) of such subsection is amended by
3 striking “25” and inserting “40”.

4 (d) ELECTRONIC TIMESHEETS.—Such section is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(f) The Secretary shall ensure that—

8 “(1) an individual participating in a qualifying
9 work-study activity may electronically record the
10 hours worked under such activity; and

11 “(2) the supervisor of such individual may elec-
12 tronically approve such records.”.

13 (e) PUBLICATION OF DATA.—Such section, as
14 amended by subsection (d), is further amended by adding
15 at the end the following new subsection:

16 “(g) On an annual basis, the Secretary shall publish
17 the following information regarding qualifying work-study
18 activities carried out during the covered year:

19 “(1) The number of individuals who partici-
20 pated in a qualifying work-study activity.

21 “(2) The demographics of such individuals.

22 “(3) A description of such activities.

23 “(4) The wages paid to such individuals.

24 “(5) The number of hours worked by such indi-
25 viduals.

1 “(6) A list of the participating educational in-
2 stitutions.”.

3 (f) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
4 Act shall apply with respect to a payment of work-study
5 allowance made under section 3485 of title 38, United
6 States Code, on or after January 1, 2025.

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