

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 147

To amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to transitional services for separating members of the Armed Forces and educational assistance under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2021

Mr. NORCROSS (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. LAMB, and Ms. SLOTKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Bringing Registered
3 Apprenticeships to Veterans Education Act” or the
4 “BRAVE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. EDUCATION FOR SEPARATING MEMBERS OF THE**
6 **ARMED FORCES REGARDING REGISTERED**
7 **APPRENTICESHIPS.**

8 Section 1144(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
9 is amended by inserting “(including apprenticeship pro-
10 grams registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (50
11 Stat. 664; commonly referred to as the ‘National Appren-
12 ticeship Act’) and approved under chapters 30 through 36
13 of title 38)” after “employment opportunities”.

14 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL STIPEND**
15 **ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**
16 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

17 Section 3313(c)(1)(B)(i) of title 38, United States
18 Code, is amended by striking “housing stipend” and in-
19 serting “stipend” each place it appears.

20 **SEC. 4. VA WEBSITE REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP PRO-**
21 **GRAMS.**

22 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coordination
23 with the Secretary of Labor, shall establish a user-friendly
24 website that is available to the public on which veterans
25 can find information about apprenticeship programs reg-
26 istered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 664;

1 commonly referred to as the “National Apprenticeship
2 Act”) and approved under chapters 30 through 36 of title
3 38, United States Code. Such information shall be search-
4 able and sortable by craft and location, and include, with
5 regard to each such program, the following:

6 (1) A description, including any cost to a vet-
7 eran.

8 (2) Contact information.

9 (3) Whether the program has been endorsed by
10 a veterans service organization or nonprofit organi-
11 zation that caters to veterans.

12 (4) Whether the program prefers to hire vet-
13 erans.

14 (5) Whether the program grants a certification
15 or degree on completion.

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