

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8790, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. LANDSMAN OF OHIO**

At the end of the bill add the following:

**TITLE IV—EMPLOYING  
VETERANS TO FEED AMERICA**

**SEC. 401. REPORTING ON THE WARRIOR TRAINING AD-  
VANCEMENT COURSE OF THE VETERANS  
BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION.**

(a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on WARTAC.

(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—One year after the submission under paragraph (1) and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to such Committees a report that contains the elements under paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (b) with regards to the preceding year.

(b) ELEMENTS.—Subject to subsection (a)(2), the reports under this section shall include the following elements:

1 (1) BEST PRACTICES.—With regards to best  
2 practices of WARTAC—

3 (A) how many covered members have ap-  
4 plied to participate in WARTAC;

5 (B) how many covered members have par-  
6 ticipated in WARTAC;

7 (C) how the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
8 provides training to covered members during  
9 TAP;

10 (D) how many covered members have com-  
11 pleted WARTAC; and

12 (E) any other information the Secretary of  
13 Veterans Affairs determines appropriate.

14 (2) COST SAVINGS.—With regards to cost sav-  
15 ings of WARTAC—

16 (A) how much money the Secretary of Vet-  
17 erans Affairs determines WARTAC saves the  
18 United States each fiscal year;

19 (B) how much money the Secretary of Vet-  
20 erans Affairs determines WARTAC has saved  
21 the United States since its establishment; and

22 (C) the determination of the Secretary  
23 whether other Federal agencies may save money  
24 by establishing a program similar to WARTAC.

1           (3) HIRING.—With regards to hiring covered  
2           members who complete WARTAC—

3           (A) how the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
4           identifies positions in the Department of Vet-  
5           erans Affairs for which such covered members  
6           may qualify;

7           (B) the grades of such positions on the  
8           General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5,  
9           United States Code; and

10          (C) how many such covered members the  
11          Secretary of Veterans Affairs has hired to such  
12          positions.

13          (c) DISTRIBUTION.—Not later than 30 days after  
14          submitting the report under subsection (a)(1), the Sec-  
15          retary of Veterans Affairs shall transmit a copy of the re-  
16          port under this section to each head of a Federal agency.

17          (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18           (1) The term “covered member” means mem-  
19           bers of the Armed Forces participating in TAP.

20           (2) The term “TAP” means the Transition As-  
21           sistance Program of the Department of Defense  
22           under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United  
23           States Code.

24           (3) The term “WARTAC” means the Warrior  
25           Training Advancement Course of the Veterans Ben-

1       efit Administration, in which the Secretary of Vet-  
2       erans Affairs provides training to covered members  
3       so such covered members may qualify for certain  
4       employment in the Veterans Benefit Administration.

5   **SEC. 402. PILOT PROGRAM TO EMPLOY VETERANS IN POSI-**  
6                   **TIONS RELATING TO AGRICULTURE, CON-**  
7                   **SERVATION, AND NUTRITION ACTIVITIES.**

8       (a) BEST PRACTICES FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.—  
9       The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employ-  
10      ment and Training, in consultation with the Secretary of  
11      Veterans Affairs, shall establish guidelines containing best  
12      practices for departments and agencies of the Federal  
13      Government that carry out programs to employ veterans  
14      who are transitioning from service in the Armed Forces.  
15      Such guidelines shall include the findings of the report re-  
16      quired under section 2.

17      (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Agri-  
19      culture, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary  
20      of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training  
21      and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall establish  
22      a pilot program under which veterans are employed  
23      by the Federal Government in positions that relate  
24      to the agriculture, conservation, and nutrition activi-  
25      ties of the Department of Agriculture.

1 (2) POSITIONS.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
2 shall—

3 (A) identify vacant positions in the De-  
4 partment of Agriculture that are appropriate to  
5 fill using the pilot program established under  
6 paragraph (1); and

7 (B) to the extent practicable, fill such posi-  
8 tions using the pilot program.

9 (3) APPLICATION OF CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.—A  
10 veteran employed under the pilot program estab-  
11 lished under paragraph (1) shall be treated as an  
12 employee as defined by section 2105 of title 5,  
13 United States Code.

14 (4) BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS.—

15 (A) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 60  
16 days after the date of the enactment of this  
17 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the As-  
18 sistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Em-  
19 ployment and Training shall jointly provide to  
20 the appropriate congressional committees a  
21 briefing on the pilot program established under  
22 paragraph (1), including—

23 (i) a description of how the pilot pro-  
24 gram will be carried out in a manner to re-  
25 duce the unemployment of veterans; and

1 (ii) any recommendations for legisla-  
2 tive actions to improve the pilot program.

3 (B) IMPLEMENTATION BRIEFING.—Not  
4 later than one year after the date on which the  
5 pilot program established under paragraph (1)  
6 commences, the Secretary of Agriculture and  
7 the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans'  
8 Employment and Training shall jointly provide  
9 to the appropriate congressional committees a  
10 briefing on the implementation of the pilot pro-  
11 gram.

12 (C) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 30  
13 days after the date on which the pilot program  
14 established under paragraph (1) is completed,  
15 the Secretary of Agriculture and the Assistant  
16 Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment  
17 and Training shall jointly submit to the appro-  
18 priate congressional committees a report on the  
19 pilot program that includes the following:

20 (i) The number of veterans who ap-  
21 plied to participate in the pilot program.

22 (ii) The number of such veterans em-  
23 ployed under the pilot program.

24 (iii) The number of veterans identified  
25 in clause (ii) who transitioned to full-time

1 positions with the Federal Government  
2 after participating in the pilot program.

3 (iv) Any other information the Sec-  
4 retary of Agriculture and the Assistant  
5 Secretary determine appropriate with re-  
6 spect to measuring the effectiveness of the  
7 pilot program.

8 (5) DURATION.—The authority to carry out a  
9 pilot program under this subsection shall terminate  
10 on the date that is two years after the date on which  
11 the pilot program commences.

12 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
14 sional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the  
16 Committee on Agriculture of the House of Rep-  
17 resentatives; and

18 (2) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the  
19 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
20 of the Senate.

