

AMENDMENT TO
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Page 388, after line 19, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . NAVY SEAL CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WILLIAM**
2 **‘BILL’ MULDER (RET.) TRANSITION IMPROVE-**
3 **MENT.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
5 “Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William ‘Bill’ Mulder
6 (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019”.

7 (b) **TAP DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “TAP”
8 means the Transition Assistance Program under sections
9 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

10 (c) **ACCESS FOR THE SECRETARIES OF LABOR AND**
11 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO THE FEDERAL DIRECTORY OF**
12 **NEW HIRES.**—Section 453A(h) of the Social Security Act
13 (42 U.S.C. 653a(h)) is amended by adding at the end the
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(4) **VETERAN EMPLOYMENT.**—The Secretaries
16 of Labor and of Veterans Affairs shall have access
17 to information reported by employers pursuant to
18 subsection (b) of this section for purposes of track-
19 ing employment of veterans.”.

1 (d) PILOT PROGRAM FOR OFF-BASE TRANSITION
2 TRAINING FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES.—

3 (1) EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Sub-
4 section (a) of section 301 of the Dignified Burial
5 and Other Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of
6 2012 (Public Law 112–260; 10 U.S.C. 1144 note)
7 is amended—

8 (A) by striking “During the two-year pe-
9 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of
10 this Act” and inserting “During the 5-year pe-
11 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of
12 the Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William
13 ‘Bill’ Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement
14 Act of 2019”; and

15 (B) by striking “to assess the feasibility
16 and advisability of providing such program to
17 eligible individuals at locations other than mili-
18 tary installations”.

19 (2) LOCATIONS.—Subsection (c) of such section
20 is amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “not less
22 than three and not more than five States” and
23 inserting “not fewer than 50 locations in States
24 (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United
25 States Code)”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “at least
2 two” and inserting “at least 20”.

3 (3) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Subsection (f) of
4 such section is repealed.

5 (e) GRANTS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSITION ASSIST-
6 ANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AFTER SEP-
7 ARATION, RETIREMENT, OR DISCHARGE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs shall make grants to eligible organizations
10 for the provision of transition assistance to members
11 of the Armed Forces who are separated, retired, or
12 discharged from the Armed Forces, and spouses of
13 such members.

14 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant
15 under this subsection shall use the grant to provide
16 to members of the Armed Forces and spouses de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1) resume assistance, inter-
18 view training, job recruitment training, and related
19 services leading directly to successful transition, as
20 determined by the Secretary.

21 (3) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—To be eligible
22 for a grant under this subsection, an organization
23 shall submit to the Secretary an application con-
24 taining such information and assurances as the Sec-

1 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor,
2 may require.

3 (4) PRIORITY FOR HUBS OF SERVICES.—In
4 making grants under this subsection, the Secretary
5 shall give priority to an organization that provides
6 multiple forms of services described in paragraph
7 (2).

8 (5) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—A grant under this
9 subsection shall be in an amount that does not ex-
10 ceed 50 percent of the amount required by the orga-
11 nization to provide the services described in para-
12 graph (2).

13 (6) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall carry out
14 this subsection not later than 6 months after the ef-
15 fective date of this section.

16 (7) TERMINATION.—The authority to provide a
17 grant under this subsection shall terminate on the
18 date that is 5 years after the date on which the Sec-
19 retary implements the grant program under this
20 subsection.

21 (8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
22 There is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000
23 to carry out this subsection.

24 (f) ONE-YEAR INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE
25 EFFECTIVENESS OF TAP.—

1 (1) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—Not later
2 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
3 Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consulta-
4 tion with the covered officials, shall enter into an
5 agreement with an appropriate entity with experi-
6 ence in adult education to carry out a 1-year inde-
7 pendent assessment of TAP, including—

8 (A) the effectiveness of TAP for members
9 of each military department during the entire
10 military life cycle;

11 (B) the appropriateness of the TAP career
12 readiness standards;

13 (C) a review of information that is pro-
14 vided to the Department of Veterans Affairs
15 under TAP, including mental health data;

16 (D) whether TAP effectively addresses the
17 challenges veterans face entering the civilian
18 workforce and in translating experience and
19 skills from military service to the job market;

20 (E) whether TAP effectively addresses the
21 challenges faced by the families of veterans
22 making the transition to civilian life;

23 (F) appropriate metrics regarding TAP
24 outcomes for members of the Armed Forces 1

1 year after separation, retirement, or discharge
2 from the Armed Forces;

3 (G) what the Secretary, in consultation
4 with the covered officials and veterans service
5 organizations determine to be successful out-
6 comes for TAP;

7 (H) whether members of the Armed Forces
8 achieve successful outcomes for TAP, as deter-
9 mined under subparagraph (G);

10 (I) how the Secretary and the covered offi-
11 cials provide feedback to each other regarding
12 such outcomes;

13 (J) recommendations for the Secretaries of
14 the military departments regarding how to im-
15 prove outcomes for members of the Armed
16 Forces after separation, retirement, and dis-
17 charge; and

18 (K) other topics the Secretary and the cov-
19 ered officials determine would aid members of
20 the Armed Forces as they transition to civilian
21 life.

22 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
23 completion of the independent assessment under
24 paragraph (1), the Secretary and the covered offi-
25 cials, shall submit to the Committees on Veterans'

1 Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
2 and the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
3 ate and House of Representatives—

4 (A) the findings and recommendations (in-
5 cluding recommended legislation) of the inde-
6 pendent assessment prepared by the entity de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1); and

8 (B) responses of the Secretary and the
9 covered officials to the findings and rec-
10 ommendations described in subparagraph (A).

11 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

12 (A) The term “covered officials” is com-
13 prised of—

- 14 (i) the Secretary of Defense;
15 (ii) the Secretary of Labor;
16 (iii) the Administrator of the Small
17 Business Administration; and
18 (iv) the Secretaries of the military de-
19 partments.

20 (B) The term “military department” has
21 the meaning given that term in section 101 of
22 title 10, United States Code.

23 (g) LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON CHANGES TO TAP.—

24 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secre-
2 taries of Defense and Labor and the Administrator
3 of the Small Business Administration, shall conduct
4 a 5-year longitudinal study regarding TAP on three
5 separate cohorts of members of the Armed Forces
6 who have separated from the Armed Forces, includ-
7 ing—

8 (A) a cohort that has attended TAP coun-
9 seling as implemented on the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act;

11 (B) a cohort that attends TAP counseling
12 after the Secretaries of Defense and Labor im-
13 plement changes recommended in the report
14 under subsection (f)(2) of this Act; and

15 (C) a cohort that has not attended TAP
16 counseling.

17 (2) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 90
18 days after the day that is 1 year after the date of
19 the initiation of the study under paragraph (1) and
20 annually thereafter for the 3 subsequent years, the
21 Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Labor,
22 and the Administrator of the Small Business Admin-
23 istration, shall submit to the Committees on Vet-
24 erans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the Committees on Armed Services

1 of the Senate and House of Representatives a
2 progress report of activities under the study during
3 the immediately preceding year.

4 (3) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the completion of the study under paragraph
6 (1), the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense,
7 and Labor, and the Administrator of the Small
8 Business Administration, shall submit to the Com-
9 mittees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and
10 House of Representatives and the Committees on
11 Armed Services of the Senate and House of Rep-
12 resentatives a report of final findings and rec-
13 ommendations based on the study.

14 (4) ELEMENTS.—The final report under para-
15 graph (3) shall include information regarding the
16 following:

17 (A) The percentage of each cohort that re-
18 ceived unemployment benefits during the study.

19 (B) The numbers of months members of
20 each cohort were employed during the study.

21 (C) Annual starting and ending salaries of
22 members of each cohort who were employed
23 during the study.

24 (D) How many members of each cohort en-
25 rolled in an institution of higher learning, as

1 that term is defined in section 3452(f) of title
2 38, United States Code.

3 (E) The academic credit hours, degrees,
4 and certificates obtained by members of each
5 cohort during the study.

6 (F) The annual income of members of each
7 cohort.

8 (G) The total household income of mem-
9 bers of each cohort.

10 (H) How many members of each cohort
11 own their principal residences.

12 (I) How many dependents that members of
13 each cohort have.

14 (J) The percentage of each cohort that
15 achieves a successful outcome for TAP, as de-
16 termined under subsection (f)(1)(G) of this Act.

17 (K) Other criteria the Secretaries and the
18 Administrator of the Small Business Adminis-
19 tration determine appropriate.

