

AMENDMENT TO
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Add at the end of subtitle F of title V the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5 ____.** **COMPUTER NUMERICALLY CONTROLLED MA-**
2 **CHINING CERTIFICATIONS FOR VETERANS.**

3 (a) **PILOT PROGRAM FOR VETERANS WHO PURSUE**
4 **COMPUTER NUMERICALLY CONTROLLED MACHINING**
5 **CERTIFICATIONS.—**

6 (1) **PILOT PROGRAM.—**The Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs shall carry out a pilot program under
8 which the Secretary shall provide eligible veterans
9 with the opportunity to enroll in certification pro-
10 grams in computer numerically controlled machin-
11 ing.

12 (2) **ELIGIBILITY.—**For purposes of the pilot
13 program under this subsection, an eligible veteran is
14 a veteran who is entitled to educational assistance
15 under the laws administered by the Secretary.

16 (3) **CONTRACTS.—**

17 (A) **IN GENERAL.—**For purposes of car-
18 rying out subsection (a), by not later than 180

1 days after the date of the enactment of this
2 Act, the Secretary shall seek to enter into con-
3 tracts with multiple qualified providers of cer-
4 tification programs in computer numerically
5 controlled machining for the provision of such
6 programs to eligible veterans under the pilot
7 program.

8 (B) PAYMENT OF CONTRACTORS.—A con-
9 tract under this subsection shall provide that
10 the Secretary shall pay to a provider—

11 (i) 25 percent of the cost of providing
12 the certification program upon the enroll-
13 ment of an eligible veteran in the program;

14 (ii) 25 percent of such cost upon the
15 completion of the program by the veteran;
16 and

17 (iii) 50 percent of such cost upon the
18 employment of the veteran following com-
19 pletion of the program.

20 (C) QUALIFIED PROVIDERS.—For purposes
21 of the pilot program, a provider of a certifi-
22 cation program in computer numerically con-
23 trolled machining is qualified if the provider has
24 been operational for at least 2 years.

1 (D) TUITION REIMBURSEMENT.—In enter-
2 ing into contracts to carry out the pilot pro-
3 gram, the Secretary shall give preference to a
4 qualified provider that offers tuition reimburse-
5 ment for any student who—

6 (i) completes a certification program
7 offered by the provider; and

8 (ii) does not find full-time meaningful
9 employment within the 180-day period be-
10 ginning on the date the student completes
11 the program.

12 (4) HOUSING STIPEND.—The Secretary shall
13 pay to each eligible veteran who is enrolled in a cer-
14 tification program in computer numerically con-
15 trolled machining under the pilot program on a full-
16 time basis a monthly housing stipend equal to the
17 product of—

18 (A) in the case of—

19 (i) a veteran pursuing resident train-
20 ing, the monthly amount of the basic al-
21 lowance for housing payable under section
22 403 of title 37, United States Code, for a
23 member with dependents in pay grade E-
24 5 who resides in the military housing area
25 that encompasses all or the majority of the

1 ZIP code area in which the campus at
2 which the veteran attends training or
3 classes is located; or

4 (ii) a veteran pursuing a certification
5 program through distance learning, a
6 monthly amount equal to 50 percent of the
7 amount payable under clause (i); and

8 (B) the lesser of—

9 (i) 1.0; or

10 (ii) the number of course hours car-
11 ried by the individual in pursuit of the cer-
12 tification program involved, divided by the
13 minimum number of course hours required
14 for full-time pursuit of such certification
15 program, rounded to the nearest tenth.

16 (5) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN COMPUTER
17 NUMERICALLY CONTROLLED MACHINING DE-
18 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “certification
19 program in computer numerically controlled machin-
20 ing” means a training program that—

21 (A) is offered by an entity—

22 (i) other than an institution of higher
23 learning; or

24 (ii) that is a professional organization;

25 (B) does not lead to a degree; and

1 (C) leads to a National Institute for Metal-
2 working Skills credential or certification in com-
3 puter numerically controlled machining.

4 (6) REPORTS.—

5 (A) SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—
6 Not later than 1 year after the date of the en-
7 actment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
8 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
9 on the pilot program under this subsection.

10 (B) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—

11 (i) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than
12 3 years after the date on which the Sec-
13 retary first enters into a contract under
14 this subsection, the Comptroller General of
15 the United States shall submit to Congress
16 a report containing the results of the in-
17 terim assessment of the Comptroller Gen-
18 eral. Such report shall include the rec-
19 ommendations of the Comptroller General
20 for improving the pilot program and an as-
21 sessment of each of the following:

22 (I) The manufacturing and train-
23 ing experience of the directors and in-
24 structors of the providers of certifi-
25 cation programs in computer numeri-

1 cally controlled machining under the
2 pilot program.

3 (II) Whether the providers fol-
4 lowed training curricula commonly
5 used in the industry (including cur-
6 ricula from the National Institute for
7 Metalworking Skills) for the certifi-
8 cation programs.

9 (III) Whether the providers use
10 open source curricula for the certifi-
11 cation programs.

12 (IV) The admittance rate into
13 the pilot program.

14 (V) The job placement rate for
15 veterans who completed a certification
16 program under the pilot program.

17 (VI) The average salary of vet-
18 erans who completed a certification
19 program under the pilot program and
20 were subsequently employed.

21 (VII) The average age of vet-
22 erans who participated in the pilot
23 program.

24 (ii) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 5
25 years after the date on which the Secretary

1 first enters into a contract under this sub-
2 section, the Comptroller General shall sub-
3 mit to Congress a final report on the pilot
4 program. Such report shall include the rec-
5 ommendation of the Comptroller General
6 with respect to whether the program
7 should be extended and an assessment of
8 each of the following:

9 (I) Each item described in sub-
10 clauses (I) through (VII) of clause (i).

11 (II) The percentage of veterans
12 who completed a certification program
13 under the pilot program who were
14 subsequently employed for a period of
15 6 months or longer.

16 (7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
17 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
18 retary of Veterans Affairs \$5,000,000 for each fiscal
19 year during which the Secretary carries out a pilot
20 program under this subsection.

21 (8) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out
22 a pilot program under this subsection shall termi-
23 nate on the date that is 5 years after the date on
24 which the Secretary first enters into a contract
25 under this subsection.

1 (b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF THE CA-
2 REER TECHNICAL TRAINING TRACK OF THE TRANSITION
3 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 of the United States shall conduct a review of the career
6 technical training track of the Transition Assistance Pro-
7 gram of the Department of Veterans Affairs (specifically
8 with regard to the effectiveness of educating participants
9 about apprenticeship opportunities) and submit to Con-
10 gress a report on the results of the review and any rec-
11 ommendations of the Comptroller General for improving
12 the program.

