

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670

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At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . PILOT GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPLEMENT THE**
2 **TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense, in
4 consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall
5 carry out a pilot grant program under which the Secretary
6 of Defense provides enhanced support and funding to eligi-
7 ble entities to supplement TAP to provide job opportuni-
8 ties for industry recognized certifications, job placement
9 assistance, and related employment services directly to
10 covered individuals.

11 (b) **SERVICES.**—Under the pilot grant program, the
12 Secretary of Defense shall provide grants to eligible enti-
13 ties to provide to covered individuals the following services:

14 (1) Using an industry-validated screening tool,
15 assessments of prior education, work history, and
16 employment aspirations of covered individuals to tai-
17 lor appropriate and employment services.

18 (2) Preparation for civilian employment
19 through services like mock interviews and salary ne-

1 negotiations, training on professional networking plat-
2 forms, and company research.

3 (3) Several industry-specific learning path-
4 ways—

5 (A) with entry-level, mid-level, and senior
6 versions;

7 (B) in fields such as project management,
8 cybersecurity, and information technology;

9 (C) in which each covered individual works
10 with an academic advisor to choose a career
11 pathway and navigate coursework during the
12 training process; and

13 (D) in which each covered individual can
14 earn industry-recognized credentials and certifi-
15 cations, at no charge to the covered individual.

16 (4) Job placement services.

17 (c) PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
18 MODEL.—The pilot grant program shall follow existing
19 economic opportunity program models that combine indus-
20 try-recognized certification training, furnished by profes-
21 sionals, with online learning staff.

22 (d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the program,
23 the Secretary of Defense shall seek to consult with private
24 entities to assess the best economic opportunity program

1 models, including existing economic opportunity models
2 furnished through public-private partnerships.

3 (e) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
4 under the pilot grant program, an entity shall—

5 (1) follow a job training and placement model;

6 (2) have rigorous program evaluation practices;

7 (3) have established partnerships with entities
8 (such as employers, governmental agencies, and non-
9 profit entities) to provide services described in sub-
10 section (b);

11 (4) have online training capability to reach
12 rural veterans, reduce costs, and comply with new
13 conditions forced by COVID–19; and

14 (5) have a well-developed practice of program
15 measurement and evaluation that evinces program
16 performance and efficiency, with data that is high
17 quality and shareable with partner entities.

18 (f) COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL ENTITIES.—A
19 grantee shall coordinate with Federal entities, including—

20 (1) the Office of Transition and Economic De-
21 velopment of the Department of Veterans Affairs;
22 and

23 (2) the Office of Veteran Employment and
24 Transition Services of the Department of Labor.

1 (g) METRICS AND EVALUATION.—Performance out-
2 comes shall be verifiable using a third-party auditing
3 method and include the following:

4 (1) The number of covered individuals who re-
5 ceive and complete skills training.

6 (2) The number of covered individuals who se-
7 cure employment.

8 (3) The retention rate for covered individuals
9 described in paragraph (2).

10 (4) Median salary of covered individuals de-
11 scribed in paragraph (2).

12 (h) SITE LOCATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense
13 shall select five military installations in the United States
14 where existing models are successful.

15 (i) ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE EXPANSION.—A
16 grantee shall assess the feasibility of expanding the cur-
17 rent offering of virtual training and career placement serv-
18 ices to members of the reserve components of the Armed
19 Forces and covered individuals outside the United States.

20 (j) DURATION.—The pilot grant program shall termi-
21 nate on September 30, 2026.

22 (k) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the ter-
23 mination of the pilot grant program, the Secretary of De-
24 fense shall submit to the congressional defense committees
25 a report that includes—

1 (1) a description of the pilot grant program, in-
2 cluding a description of specific activities carried out
3 under this section; and

4 (2) the metrics and evaluations used to assess
5 the effectiveness of the pilot grant program.

6 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “covered individual” means—

8 (A) a member of the Armed Forces partici-
9 pating in TAP; or

10 (B) a spouse of a member described in
11 subparagraph (A).

12 (2) The term “military installation” has the
13 meaning given such term in section 2801 of title 10,
14 United States Code.

15 (3) The term “TAP” means the transition as-
16 sistance program of the Department of Defense
17 under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United
18 States Code.

