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To enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2019

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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veterans, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Support for Veterans
5 in Effective Apprenticeships Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM COORDINA-**
2 **TION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**
3 **AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
6 PROGRAM.—In this Act, the term “registered apprentice-
7 ship program” means an apprenticeship program reg-
8 istered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 664;
9 commonly referred to as the “National Apprenticeship
10 Act”).

11 (b) ADDITIONAL REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
12 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of Labor shall
13 amend the rules and procedures regarding registered ap-
14 prenticeship programs to include the following require-
15 ments:

16 (1) Each sponsor of a program applying to be
17 a registered apprenticeship program shall provide a
18 written assurance to the Secretary that, upon the
19 program’s approval as a registered apprenticeship
20 program, the sponsor will—

21 (A) complete, for each program location,
22 all enrollment requirements to obtain approval
23 under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38,
24 United States Code, to allow individuals eligible
25 for educational assistance available under such
26 chapters to use such assistance for the reg-

1 istered apprenticeship program, including the
2 requirement of designating a Certifying Official;
3 and

4 (B) agree to record and maintain the
5 records concerning the registered apprenticeship
6 program required in order for individuals eligi-
7 ble for educational assistance under title 38,
8 United States Code, to use such assistance for
9 enrollment in the registered apprenticeship pro-
10 gram.

11 (2)(A) To the extent practicable, a registered
12 apprenticeship program shall grant advanced stand-
13 ing or credit, and provide increased wages commensurate to such standing or credit, for any individual
14 eligible for educational assistance under title 38,
15 United States Code, who—

17 (i) is enrolled in the registered ap-
18 prenticeship program; and

19 (ii)(I) has a demonstrated competency
20 applicable to the apprenticeship occupa-
21 tion; or

22 (II) has acquired experience, training
23 or skills through military service that is
24 applicable to the apprenticeship occupa-
25 tion.

1 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), in the
2 case of a registered apprenticeship program that has
3 preferential language for veterans already in the
4 program’s apprenticeship policies and standards as
5 of the date of enactment of this Act, the registered
6 apprenticeship program may continue awarding ad-
7 vanced standing or credit for veterans in accordance
8 with such existing apprenticeship program policies
9 and standards.

10 (3) When the Secretary of Labor initially ap-
11 proves a registered apprenticeship program, the Sec-
12 retary shall provide a copy of the certificate of reg-
13 istration to—

14 (A) the State approving agency designated
15 under chapter 36 of title 38, United States
16 Code, for the State where the headquarters of
17 the registered apprenticeship program’s sponsor
18 are located; and

19 (B) the State approving agency, as deter-
20 mined under the rules and procedures imple-
21 menting the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat.
22 664; commonly referred to as the “National Ap-
23 prenticeship Act”), where the registered ap-
24 prenticeship program is located.

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