

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 760

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## AN ACT

To enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve  
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

8       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

9           (1) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—  
10       The term “registered apprenticeship program”  
11       means an apprenticeship program registered under  
12       the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 664; com-  
13       monly referred to as the “National Apprenticeship  
14       Act”).

15           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
16       the Secretary of Labor.

17       (b) ADDITIONAL REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP  
18 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other  
19 provision of law, for any program applying to become a  
20 registered apprenticeship program on or after the date  
21 that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
22 the Secretary shall—

23           (1) acquire from the program sponsor a written  
24       assurance that the sponsor—

25                   (A) is aware of the availability of edu-  
26       cational assistance for a veteran or other indi-

vidual eligible under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code, for use in connection with a registered apprenticeship program;

(B) will make a good faith effort to obtain approval for educational assistance described in subparagraph (A) for, at a minimum, each program location that employs or recruits a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code; and

(C) will not deny the application of a qualified candidate who is a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance described in subparagraph (A) for the purpose of avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain approval as described in subparagraph (B);

(2) in accordance with paragraphs (5) and (12) of section 29.5(b) of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act), require the program sponsor, to the extent practicable, to provide standards that contain provisions to grant advanced standing or credit, and provide increased wages commensurate to such standing or credit, for any veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance under

1 chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States  
2 Code, who—

3 (A) is enrolled in the registered apprentice-  
4 ship program; and

5 (B)(i) has a demonstrated competence ap-  
6 plicable to the apprenticeship occupation; or

7 (ii) has acquired experience, training, or  
8 skills through military service that is applicable  
9 to the apprenticeship occupation; and

10 (3) when the Secretary approves the registered  
11 apprenticeship program, provide a copy of the pro-  
12 gram's certificate of registration to the State ap-  
13 proving agency designated under chapter 36 of title  
14 38, United States Code, in the State where the pro-  
15 gram is located.

Passed the Senate December 4, 2019.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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