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# H. R. 5314

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2019

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CISNEROS, and Mr. STIVERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

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,*

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) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

6 (1) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—

7 The term “registered apprenticeship program”  
8 means an apprenticeship program registered under  
9 the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 664; com-  
10 monly referred to as the “National Apprenticeship  
11 Act”).

12 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13 the Secretary of Labor.

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

20 (1) acquire from the program sponsor a written  
21 assurance that the sponsor—

22 (A) is aware of the availability of edu-  
23 cational assistance for a veteran or other indi-  
24 vidual eligible under chapters 30 through 36 of  
25 title 38, United States Code, for use in connec-  
26 tion with a registered apprenticeship program;

1 (B) will make a good faith effort to obtain  
2 approval for educational assistance described in  
3 subparagraph (A) for, at a minimum, each pro-  
4 gram location that employs or recruits a vet-  
5 eran or other individual eligible for educational  
6 assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of title  
7 38, United States Code; and

8 (C) will not deny the application of a quali-  
9 fied candidate who is a veteran or other indi-  
10 vidual eligible for educational assistance de-  
11 scribed in subparagraph (A) for the purpose of  
12 avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain  
13 approval as described in subparagraph (B);

14 (2) in accordance with paragraphs (5) and (12)  
15 of section 29.5(b) of title 29, Code of Federal Regu-  
16 lations (as in effect on the day before the date of en-  
17 actment of this Act), require the program sponsor,  
18 to the extent practicable, to provide standards that  
19 contain provisions to grant advanced standing or  
20 credit, and provide increased wages commensurate  
21 to such standing or credit, for any veteran or other  
22 individual eligible for educational assistance under  
23 chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States  
24 Code, who—

1 (A) is enrolled in the registered apprentice-  
2 ship program; and

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

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

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

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