

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3579

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the Veterans Readiness and Employment program of Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 “Veterans Readiness
3 and Employment Program Integrity Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENT UNDER VETERANS**
5 **READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF**
6 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

7 Section 3106(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking “necessary (1) to determine”
10 and inserting “necessary to determine”;

11 (2) by striking “and (2) in the case” and in-
12 serting “and, in the case”;

13 (3) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”;
14 and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph:

17 “(2) The Secretary may not provide an initial evalua-
18 tion of a veteran under paragraph (1) before the veteran
19 submits to the Secretary an application containing the
20 substantive work record and educational transcripts of the
21 veteran that the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

1 **SEC. 3. MAXIMUM DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE UNDER VETERANS READINESS AND EM-**
3 **PLOYMENT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 Section 3117(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graph:

8 “(3)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), a veteran may
9 not receive assistance under this subsection for more than
10 365 days.

11 “(B) A veteran may receive an additional 180 days
12 of such assistance if an individual who provides counseling
13 under this chapter to such veteran certifies that the vet-
14 eran is actively seeking employment.”.

15 **SEC. 4. REPORTING AND DATA COLLECTION REQUIRE-**
16 **MENTS UNDER VETERANS READINESS AND**
17 **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT**
18 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 38, United
20 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
21 lowing new section:

22 **“§ 3123. Requirements for data collection and report-**
23 **ing**

24 “(a) DATA COLLECTION.—The Secretary shall sub-
25 mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate
26 and House of Representatives a report regarding the em-

1 ployment of veterans who participate in a vocational reha-
 2 bilitation program under this chapter. Such information
 3 shall include, for each such veteran—

4 “(1) the regional office responsible for the pro-
 5 vision of the program; and

6 “(2) the annual wages of the veteran before and
 7 after the completion of the program.

8 “(b) PUBLICATION OF WAIT TIMES.—On an annual
 9 basis, the Secretary shall make publicly available, on an
 10 appropriate website of the Department, the average time
 11 between the date on which a veteran requests a vocational
 12 rehabilitation program under this chapter and the date on
 13 which the veteran first meets with a counselor as part of
 14 the veteran’s program.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 16 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
 17 at the end the following new item:

“3123. Requirements for data collection and reporting.”.

18 (c) INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF PROGRAM.—

19 (1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than one
 20 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
 21 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall seek to enter into
 22 a contract, with a non-Department entity that has
 23 expertise in vocational rehabilitation, pursuant to
 24 which the entity shall conduct a review of rehabilita-

1 tion programs (as such term is defined in section
2 3101 of such title) under such chapter.

3 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
4 date of such a contract, the entity shall submit to
5 the Secretary a report containing recommendations
6 regarding how to improve and modernize such reha-
7 bilitation programs.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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