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H. R. 8420

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2026

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Veterans Legal Sup-
5 port Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORT**
2 **FOR UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINICS THAT AS-**
3 **SIST VETERANS.**

4 (a) **SUPPORT AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of Vet-
5 erans Affairs may provide support to one or more univer-
6 sity law school programs that are designed to provide legal
7 assistance to veterans.

8 (b) **ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.**—Programs of university
9 law schools which may receive support under subsection
10 (a) may include programs that assist veterans with—

11 (1) representing veterans in appeals and pro-
12 ceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs
13 related to the appointment of fiduciaries;

14 (2) filing and appealing claims for benefits
15 under laws administered by the Secretary; and

16 (3) such other civil, criminal, and family legal
17 matters as the Secretary considers appropriate.

18 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

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