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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself and Mr. WENSTRUP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Jobs for Veterans Act  
3 of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPOR-**  
5 **TUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION.**

6       (a) VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND TRAN-  
7 SITION ADMINISTRATION.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Part V of title 38, United  
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following new chapter:

11 **“CHAPTER 80—VETERANS ECONOMIC OP-**  
12 **PORTUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMIN-**  
13 **ISTRATION**

“8001. Organization of Administration.

“8002. Functions of Administration.

14 **“§ 8001. Organization of Administration**

15       “(a) VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND  
16 TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION.—There is in the Depart-  
17 ment of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Economic Oppor-  
18 tunity and Transition Administration. The primary func-  
19 tion of the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-  
20 tion Administration is the administration of the programs  
21 of the Department that provide assistance related to eco-  
22 nomic opportunity to veterans and their dependents and  
23 survivors.

1       “(b) UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC OPPOR-  
 2 TUNITY AND TRANSITION.—The Veterans Economic Op-  
 3 portunity and Transition Administration is under the  
 4 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and  
 5 Transition, who is directly responsible to the Secretary for  
 6 the operations of the Administration.

7       “(c) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARIES.—The Veterans  
 8 Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration  
 9 shall have two Deputy Under Secretaries as follows:

10           “(1) The Deputy Under Secretary for Readjust-  
 11 ment, who shall be the principal assistant of the  
 12 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
 13 and Transition with respect to the programs speci-  
 14 fied in paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 8002  
 15 of this title.

16           “(2) The Deputy Under Secretary for Employ-  
 17 ment, Training, and Transition, who shall be the  
 18 principal assistant of the Under Secretary for Vet-  
 19 erans Economic Opportunity and Transition with re-  
 20 spect to the programs specified in paragraphs (5)  
 21 through (9) of section 8002 of this title.

22 **“§ 8002. Functions of Administration**

23       “‘The Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition  
 24 Administration is responsible for the administration of the  
 25 following programs of the Department:

1           “(1) Vocational rehabilitation and employment  
2 programs.

3           “(2) Educational assistance programs.

4           “(3) Veterans’ housing loan and related pro-  
5 grams.

6           “(4) The verification of small businesses owned  
7 and controlled by veterans pursuant to subsection (f)  
8 of section 8127 of this title, including the adminis-  
9 tration of the database of veteran-owned businesses  
10 described in such subsection.

11           “(5) Job counseling, training, and placement  
12 services for veterans under chapter 41 of this title.

13           “(6) Employment and training of veterans  
14 under chapter 42 of this title.

15           “(7) Administration of employment and employ-  
16 ment rights of members of the uniformed services  
17 under chapter 43 of this title.

18           “(8) Homeless veterans reintegration programs  
19 under chapter 20 of this title.

20           “(9) The Transition Assistance Program under  
21 section 1144 of title 10.

22           “(10) Any other program of the Department  
23 that the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

24           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The tables of  
25 chapters at the beginning of title 38, United States

1 Code, and of part V of title 38, United States Code,  
 2 are each amended by inserting after the item relat-  
 3 ing to chapter 79 the following new item:

**“80. Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Ad-  
 ministration ..... 8001”.**

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Chapter 80 of title 38,  
 5 United States Code, as added by subsection (a) shall take  
 6 effect on October 1, 2016.

7 (c) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—For fiscal years 2017  
 8 and 2018, the number of full-time equivalent employees  
 9 authorized for the Veterans Economic Opportunity and  
 10 Transition Administration, as established under chapter  
 11 80 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection  
 12 (a), may not exceed 22,118.

13 (d) HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PRO-  
 14 GRAMS.—Nothing in section 8002 of title 38, United  
 15 States Code, as added by subsection (a), or in any other  
 16 amendment made by this Act, shall affect the provision  
 17 of funds to grant recipients under section 2021 or 2021A  
 18 of title 38, United States Code.

19 **SEC. 3. UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS ECONOMIC OP-  
 20 PORTUNITY AND TRANSITION.**

21 (a) UNDER SECRETARY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United  
 23 States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
 24 306 the following new section:

1 **“§ 306A. Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-**  
2 **portunity and Transition**

3 “(a) UNDER SECRETARY.—There is in the Depart-  
4 ment an Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-  
5 tunity and Transition, who is appointed by the President,  
6 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
7 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and  
8 Transition shall be appointed without regard to political  
9 affiliation or activity and solely on the basis of dem-  
10 onstrated ability in—

11 “(1) information technology; and

12 “(2) the administration of programs within the  
13 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Ad-  
14 ministration or programs of similar content and  
15 scope.

16 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Under Secretary for  
17 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition is the  
18 head of, and is directly responsible to the Secretary for  
19 the operations of, the Veterans Economic Opportunity and  
20 Transition Administration.

21 “(c) VACANCIES.—(1) Whenever a vacancy in the po-  
22 sition of Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-  
23 tunity and Transition occurs or is anticipated, the Sec-  
24 retary shall establish a commission to recommend individ-  
25 uals to the President for appointment to the position.

1       “(2) A commission established under this subsection  
2 shall be composed of the following members appointed by  
3 the Secretary:

4           “(A) Three persons representing education and  
5 training, vocational rehabilitation, employment, real  
6 estate, mortgage finance and related industries, and  
7 survivor benefits activities affected by the Veterans  
8 Economic Opportunity and Transition Administra-  
9 tion.

10          “(B) Two persons representing veterans served  
11 by the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-  
12 tion Administration.

13          “(C) Two persons who have experience in the  
14 management of private sector benefits programs of  
15 similar content and scope to the economic oppor-  
16 tunity and transition programs of the Department.

17          “(D) The Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

18          “(E) The chairman of the Veterans’ Advisory  
19 Committee on Education formed under section 3692  
20 of this title.

21          “(F) One person who has held the position of  
22 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
23 and Transition, if the Secretary determines that it  
24 is desirable for such person to be a member of the  
25 commission.

1       “(3) A commission established under this subsection  
2 shall recommend at least three individuals for appoint-  
3 ment to the position of Under Secretary for Veterans Eco-  
4 nomic Opportunity and Transition. The commission shall  
5 submit all recommendations to the Secretary. The Sec-  
6 retary shall forward the recommendations to the President  
7 and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate  
8 and House of Representatives with any comments the Sec-  
9 retary considers appropriate. Thereafter, the President  
10 may request the commission to recommend additional in-  
11 dividuals for appointment.

12       “(4) The Assistant Secretary or Deputy Assistant  
13 Secretary of Veterans Affairs who performs personnel  
14 management and labor relations functions shall serve as  
15 the executive secretary of a commission established under  
16 this subsection.

17       “(d) QUALIFICATIONS OF RECOMMENDED INDIVID-  
18 UALS.—Each individual recommended to the President by  
19 the commission for appointment to the position of Under  
20 Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-  
21 tion shall be an individual who has held a senior level posi-  
22 tion in the private sector with responsibilities relating to  
23 at least one of the following:

24               “(1) Education policy.

25               “(2) Vocational rehabilitation.

1 “(3) Employment.

2 “(4) Job placement.

3 “(5) Home loan finance.

4 “(6) Small business development.”.

5 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 6 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
 7 by inserting after the item relating to section 306  
 8 the following new item:

“306A. Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 38, United  
 10 States Code, is further amended—

11 (1) in section 306(c)(2), by striking subpara-  
 12 graphs (A) and (E) and redesignating subpara-  
 13 graphs (B), (C), (D), and (F), as subparagraphs (A)  
 14 through (D), respectively;

15 (2) in section 317(d), by inserting after “Under  
 16 Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the Under  
 17 Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and  
 18 Transition,”;

19 (3) in section 318(d)(2), by inserting after  
 20 “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the  
 21 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
 22 and Transition,”;

23 (4) in section 516(e)(2)(C), by striking “Health  
 24 and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and inserting  
 25 “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, and the

1 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
2 and Transition”;

3 (5) in section 541(a)(2)(B), by striking “Health  
4 and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and inserting  
5 “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, and the  
6 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
7 and Transition”;

8 (6) in section 542(a)(2)(B)(iii), by striking  
9 “Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and  
10 inserting “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits,  
11 and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-  
12 portunity and Transition”;

13 (7) in section 544(a)(2)(B)(vi), by striking  
14 “Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and  
15 inserting “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits,  
16 and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-  
17 portunity and Transition”;

18 (8) in section 709(c)(2)(A), by inserting after  
19 “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the  
20 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity  
21 and Transition,”;

22 (9) in section 7701(a), by inserting after “as-  
23 sistance” the following: “, other than assistance re-  
24 lated to Economic Opportunity and Transition,”;  
25 and

1           (10) in section 7703, by striking paragraphs (2)  
2           and (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as  
3           paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

4           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 306A of title 38,  
5           United States Code, as added by subsection (a), and the  
6           amendments made by this section, shall take effect on Oc-  
7           tober 1, 2016.

8   **SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR VETERANS**  
9                           **PROGRAMS TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
10                          **AFFAIRS.**

11           (a) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective October 1, 2016,  
13           there shall be transferred to the Secretary of Vet-  
14           erans Affairs all functions performed under the fol-  
15           lowing programs of the Department of Labor, and  
16           all personnel, assets, and liabilities pertaining to  
17           such programs, immediately before such transfer oc-  
18           curs:

19                   (A) Job counseling, training, and place-  
20                   ment services for veterans under chapter 41 of  
21                   title 38, United States Code.

22                   (B) Employment and training of veterans  
23                   under chapter 42 of such title.

1           (C) Administration of employment and em-  
2           ployment rights of members of the uniformed  
3           services under chapter 43 of such title.

4           (D) Homeless veterans reintegration pro-  
5           grams under chapter 20 of such title.

6           (2) ORGANIZATION.—The programs, and the  
7           personnel, assets, and liabilities pertaining to such  
8           programs, transferred to the Secretary under para-  
9           graph (1) shall be administered as part of the Vet-  
10          erans Economic Opportunity and Transition Admin-  
11          istration established by section 8001 of title 38,  
12          United States Code, as added by section 3.

13          (b) BUDGET REQUEST.—Under section 1105 of title  
14          31, United States Code, the President shall include in the  
15          President’s budget request for the Department of Vet-  
16          erans Affairs for fiscal year 2017, and for each subsequent  
17          fiscal year, funding requested for the functions referred  
18          to in subsection (a)(1).

19          (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any other Fed-  
20          eral law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation  
21          of authority, or any document of or pertaining to a depart-  
22          ment or office from which a function is transferred by this  
23          section—

1           (1) to the head of such department or office is  
2       deemed to refer to the head of the department or of-  
3       fice to which such function is transferred; or

4           (2) to such department or office is deemed to  
5       refer to the department or office to which such func-  
6       tion is transferred.

7       (d) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.—Except as other-  
8       wise provided by law, a Federal official to whom a function  
9       is transferred by this section may, for purposes of per-  
10      forming the function, exercise all authorities under any  
11      other provision of law that were available with respect to  
12      the performance of that function to the official responsible  
13      for the performance of the function immediately before the  
14      effective date of the transfer of the function under this  
15      section.

16      (e) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

17           (1) LEGAL DOCUMENTS.—All orders, deter-  
18      minations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans,  
19      contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and  
20      privileges—

21           (A) that have been issued, made, granted,  
22      or allowed to become effective by the President,  
23      the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Vet-  
24      erans Affairs, any officer or employee of any of-  
25      fice transferred by this section, or any other

1 Government official, or by a court of competent  
2 jurisdiction, in the performance of any function  
3 that is transferred by this section, and

4 (B) that are in effect on the effective date  
5 of such transfer (or become effective after such  
6 date pursuant to their terms as in effect on  
7 such effective date),

8 shall continue in effect according to their terms until  
9 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or re-  
10 voked in accordance with law by the President, any  
11 other authorized official, a court of competent juris-  
12 diction, or operation of law.

13 (2) PROCEEDINGS.—This section shall not af-  
14 fect any proceedings or any application for any bene-  
15 fits, service, license, permit, certificate, or financial  
16 assistance pending on the date of the enactment of  
17 this section before an office transferred by this sec-  
18 tion, but such proceedings and applications shall be  
19 continued. Orders shall be issued in such pro-  
20 ceedings, appeals shall be taken therefrom, and pay-  
21 ments shall be made pursuant to such orders, as if  
22 this section had not been enacted, and orders issued  
23 in any such proceeding shall continue in effect until  
24 modified, terminated, superseded, or revoked by a  
25 duly authorized official, by a court of competent ju-

1 jurisdiction, or by operation of law. Nothing in this  
2 subsection shall be considered to prohibit the dis-  
3 continuance or modification of any such proceeding  
4 under the same terms and conditions and to the  
5 same extent that such proceeding could have been  
6 discontinued or modified if this section had not been  
7 enacted.

8 (3) SUITS.—This section shall not affect suits  
9 commenced before the date of the enactment of this  
10 section, and in all such suits, proceeding shall be  
11 had, appeals taken, and judgments rendered in the  
12 same manner and with the same effect as if this sec-  
13 tion had not been enacted.

14 (4) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, ac-  
15 tion, or other proceeding commenced by or against  
16 the Department of Labor or the Secretary of Labor,  
17 or by or against any individual in the official capac-  
18 ity of such individual as an officer or employee of an  
19 office transferred by this section, shall abate by rea-  
20 son of the enactment of this section.

21 (5) CONTINUANCE OF SUITS.—If any Govern-  
22 ment officer in the official capacity of such officer  
23 is party to a suit with respect to a function of the  
24 officer, and under this section such function is  
25 transferred to any other officer or office, then such

1       suit shall be continued with the other officer or the  
2       head of such other office, as applicable, substituted  
3       or added as a party.

4               (6) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDI-  
5       CIAL REVIEW.—Except as otherwise provided by this  
6       section, any statutory requirements relating to no-  
7       tice, hearings, action upon the record, or administra-  
8       tive or judicial review that apply to any function  
9       transferred by this section shall apply to the exercise  
10      of such function by the head of the Federal agency,  
11      and other officers of the agency, to which such func-  
12      tion is transferred by this section.

13       (f) TRANSFER OF ASSETS.—Except as otherwise pro-  
14      vided in this section, so much of the personnel, property,  
15      records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allo-  
16      cations, and other funds employed, used, held, available,  
17      or to be made available in connection with a function  
18      transferred to an official or agency by this section shall  
19      be available to the official or the head of that agency, re-  
20      spectively, at such time or times as the Director of the  
21      Office of Management and Budget directs for use in con-  
22      nection with the functions transferred.

23       (g) DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT.—Except as oth-  
24      erwise expressly prohibited by law or otherwise provided  
25      in this section, an official to whom functions are trans-

ferred under this section (including the head of any office to which functions are transferred under this section) may delegate any of the functions so transferred to such officers and employees of the office of the official as the official may designate, and may authorize successive redelegations of such functions as may be necessary or appropriate. No delegation of functions under this section or under any other provision of this section shall relieve the official to whom a function is transferred under this section of responsibility for the administration of the function.

(h) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED.—

(1) DETERMINATIONS.—If necessary, the Director of Management and Budget shall make any determination of the functions that are transferred under this section.

(2) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—The Director, at such time or times as the Director shall provide, may make such determinations as may be necessary with regard to the functions transferred by this section, and to make such additional incidental dispositions of personnel, assets, liabilities, grants, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances

1 of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and  
2 other funds held, used, arising from, available to, or  
3 to be made available in connection with such func-  
4 tions, as may be necessary to carry out the provi-  
5 sions of this section. The Director shall provide for  
6 the termination of the affairs of all entities termi-  
7 nated by this section and for such further measures  
8 and dispositions as may be necessary to effectuate  
9 the purposes of this section.

10 (i) CERTAIN VESTING OF FUNCTIONS CONSIDERED  
11 TRANSFERS.—For purposes of this section, the vesting of  
12 a function in a department or office pursuant to reestab-  
13 lishment of an office shall be considered to be the transfer  
14 of the function.

15 (j) AVAILABILITY OF EXISTING FUNDS.—Existing  
16 appropriations and funds available for the performance of  
17 functions, programs, and activities terminated pursuant to  
18 this section shall remain available, for the duration of  
19 their period of availability, for necessary expenses in con-  
20 nection with the termination and resolution of such func-  
21 tions, programs, and activities.

22 (k) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later  
23 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
24 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of  
25 Labor shall—

1 (1) enter into a memorandum of understanding  
2 to carry out this section, which shall include—

3 (A) a description of how the Department  
4 of Veterans Affairs will coordinate with the  
5 Employment and Training Agency at the De-  
6 partment of Labor to ensure coordination and  
7 avoid duplication among activities authorized  
8 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
9 (Public Law 113–128) and the activities re-  
10 ferred to in paragraph (1)(A) through (D); and

11 (B) a description of how the Department  
12 of Veterans Affairs will share the performance  
13 accountability measures required under sub-  
14 section (l)(1) with the Employment and Train-  
15 ing Agency of the Department of Labor; and

16 (2) jointly submit to the Committees on Vet-  
17 erans' Affairs and the Committee on Education and  
18 the Workforce of the House of Representatives and  
19 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Com-  
20 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
21 of the Senate a copy of such memorandum.

22 (l) COORDINATION WITH REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
23 WIOA.—

24 (1) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.—The  
25 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish per-

1       formance accountability measures for the activities  
2       carried out pursuant to the programs referred to in  
3       paragraph (1)(A) through (D), which shall meet or  
4       exceed the requirements of section 116(b) of the  
5       Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public  
6       Law 113–128; 29 U.S.C. 3141).

7               (2) STATE PLANS.—The Secretary shall ensure  
8       that each State develops and submits to the Sec-  
9       retary a combined State plan that meets or exceeds  
10      the requirements under section 103 of the Workforce  
11      Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113–  
12      128; 29 U.S.C. 3113) for activities authorized under  
13      chapter 41 of title 38, United States Code.

14      (m) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

15              (1) the term “function” includes any duty, obli-  
16      gation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privi-  
17      lege, activity, or program; and

18              (2) the term “office” includes any office, ad-  
19      ministration, agency, bureau, institute, council, unit,  
20      organizational entity, or component thereof.

1 **SEC. 5. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**  
2 **FAIRS FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT, TRAIN-**  
3 **ING, AND TRANSITION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 4102A  
5 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 “(a) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’  
8 EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND TRANSITION.—(1) The  
9 Deputy Under Secretary for Employment, Training, and  
10 Transition established by subsection (c)(2) of section 8001  
11 of this title shall formulate and implement all depart-  
12 mental policies and procedures to carry out this chapter  
13 and the other programs described in such subsection.

14 “(2) The employees of the Department administering  
15 chapter 43 of this title shall be administratively and func-  
16 tionally responsible to the Deputy Under Secretary for  
17 Employment, Training, and Transition.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 41 of title  
19 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

20 (1) The section heading of section 4102A of  
21 such title is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 4102A. Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Em-**  
 2 **ployment, Training, and Transition; pro-**  
 3 **gram functions; Regional Administra-**  
 4 **tors”.**

5 (2) The item relating to such section in the  
 6 table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is  
 7 amended to read as follows:

“4102A. Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training; pro-  
 gram functions; Regional Administrators.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 9 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2016.

10 **SEC. 6. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING**  
 11 **AMENDMENTS.**

12 (a) CHAPTER 41.—Chapter 41 of title 38, United  
 13 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended  
 14 as follows:

15 (1) By striking “Assistant Secretary of Labor  
 16 for Veterans’ Employment and Training” each place  
 17 it appears and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary  
 18 for Employment, Training, and Transition”.

19 (2) By striking “Department of Labor” each  
 20 place it appears and inserting “Department”.

21 (3) By striking “Secretary of Labor” each place  
 22 it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

23 (4) In section 4101, by striking paragraph (8).

24 (5) In section 4102A(b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “such  
2 Assistant Secretary” and inserting “such Dep-  
3 uty Under Secretary”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and  
5 consulting with the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
6 fairs”.

7 (6) In section 4105(b), by striking “and the  
8 Secretary of Veterans Affairs” both places it ap-  
9 pears.

10 (7) By striking section 4108.

11 (8) In the table of sections at the beginning of  
12 such chapter, by striking the item relating to section  
13 4108.

14 (9) In section 4110(d), by striking paragraph  
15 (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) as  
16 paragraphs (1) through (5), respectively.

17 (10) In section 4110A(b), by striking “Con-  
18 gress” and inserting “the Committees on Veterans’  
19 Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-  
20 tives”.

21 (11) In section 4114—

22 (A) by striking “Assistant Secretary for  
23 Veterans’ Employment and Training” each  
24 place it appears and inserting “Deputy Under

1 Secretary for Employment, Training, and Tran-  
2 sition”; and

3 (B) in paragraphs (2) and (3) of sub-  
4 section (b) and in subsections (c) and (d), by  
5 striking “Assistant Secretary” each place it ap-  
6 pears and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary”.

7 (b) CHAPTER 42.—Chapter 42 of title 38, United  
8 States Code, is amended as follows:

9 (1) By striking “Secretary of Labor” each place  
10 it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

11 (2) By striking “Department of Labor” each  
12 place it appears and inserting “Department”.

13 (c) CHAPTER 43.—Chapter 43 of title 38, United  
14 States Code, is amended as follows:

15 (1) In section 4303, by striking paragraph (11).

16 (2) By striking “Secretary of Veterans Affairs”  
17 each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

18 (3) In section 4321, by striking “(through the  
19 Veterans’ Employment and Training Service)”.

20 (4) In section 4332(a)(1), by striking “of  
21 Labor”.

22 (5) In section 4333, by striking “, the Sec-  
23 retary of Defense, and the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
24 fairs” and inserting “and the Secretary of Defense”.

1       (d) CHAPTER 20.—Chapter 20 of title 38, United  
2 States Code, is amended as follows:

3           (1) In section 2003(a)(4), by striking “of the  
4 Department of Labor”.

5           (2) In section 2011(g)(2), by striking “the De-  
6 partment of Labor,”.

7           (3) In section 2021—

8               (A) in subsection (c)—

9                   (i) by striking the subsection heading  
10 and inserting the following:

11       “(c) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH DEPUTY UNDER  
12 SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING,  
13 AND TRANSITION.—”; and

14               (ii) by striking “Assistant Secretary  
15 of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and  
16 Training” and inserting “Deputy Under  
17 Secretary for Employment, Training, and  
18 Transition”; and

19           (B) by striking “Secretary of Labor” each  
20 place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

21           (4) In section 2021A—

22               (A) in subsection (d)—

23                   (i) by striking the subsection heading  
24 and inserting the following:

1 “(d) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH DEPUTY UNDER  
2 SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING,  
3 AND TRANSITION.—”; and

4 (ii) by striking “Assistant Secretary  
5 of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and  
6 Training” and inserting “Deputy Under  
7 Secretary for Employment, Training, and  
8 Transition”; and

9 (B) by striking “Secretary of Labor” each  
10 place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

11 (5) In section 2023—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “and the  
13 Secretary of Labor (hereinafter in this section  
14 referred to as the ‘Secretaries’)”; and

15 (B) by striking “Secretaries” each place it  
16 appears and inserting “Secretary”.

17 (6) In section 2065(b)(5), by striking subpara-  
18 graph (E) and redesignating subparagraphs (F)  
19 through (H) as subparagraphs (E) through (G), re-  
20 spectively.

21 (7) In section 2066(a)(3), by striking subpara-  
22 graph (A) and redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
23 through (G) as subparagraphs (A) through (F), re-  
24 spectively.

1 (e) OTHER PROVISIONS OF TITLE 38.—Title 38,  
2 United States Code, is further amended as follows:

3 (1) In section 542(a)(2)(B), by striking clause  
4 (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as clauses  
5 (i) and (ii), respectively.

6 (2) In section 544(a)(2)(B), by striking clause  
7 (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) through (vi) as  
8 clauses (i) through (v), respectively.

9 (3) In section 3118(b), by striking “and the As-  
10 sistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment in the  
11 Department of Labor”.

12 (4) In section 3119(c), by striking “Education,  
13 the Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment  
14 in the Department of Labor,”.

15 (5) In section 3121(a)(3), by striking “the As-  
16 sistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employ-  
17 ment and Training of the Department of Labor”  
18 and inserting “the Under Secretary for Veterans  
19 Economic Opportunity and Transition”.

20 (6) In section 3692(a), by striking “and the As-  
21 sistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employ-  
22 ment and Training shall be ex officio members” and  
23 inserting “an ex officio member”.

24 (7) In section 6306—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “shall ar-  
 2 range with the Secretary of Labor for the State  
 3 employment service to match” and inserting  
 4 “shall ensure that the State employment service  
 5 matches”; and

6 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “, in con-  
 7 sultation with the Secretary of Labor,”.

8 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 9 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2016.

10 **SEC. 7. USE OF FEDERAL DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES.**

11 Section 453A(h) of the Social Security Act (42  
 12 U.S.C. 653a(h)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(4) SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—The  
 15 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall have access to in-  
 16 formation reported by employers pursuant to sub-  
 17 section (b) of this section.”.

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