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H. R. 5176

To direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a research program to evaluate the effectiveness of the Transition Assistance Program in addressing the needs of certain minority veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2016

Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Success in Transition
5 for All Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH PROGRAM TO EVALUATE EFFECTIVE-**
2 **NESS OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
3 **IN ADDRESSING NEEDS OF CERTAIN MINOR-**
4 **ITY VETERANS.**

5 (a) RESEARCH PROGRAM.—Beginning not later than
6 June 1, 2017, the Secretary of Labor, in collaboration
7 with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary
8 of Defense, shall carry out a research program to evaluate
9 the Transition Assistance Program under section 1144 of
10 title 10, United States Code. Such research program shall
11 be designed to determine how effectively the Transition
12 Assistance Program addresses the differentiated needs,
13 challenges, and post-military service aspirations of women
14 veterans, veterans with disabilities, Native American vet-
15 erans, veterans who are residents of a territory of the
16 United States, veterans who are part of the indigenous
17 population of a territory of the United States, and other
18 groups of minority veterans identified by the Secretaries.

19 (b) ISSUES ADDRESSED.—The Secretary of Labor
20 shall ensure that the research program required under
21 subsection (a) addresses each of the following issues:

22 (1) In the context of the transition experience,
23 whether and how the barriers to employment facing
24 women veterans, veterans with disabilities, Native
25 American veterans, veterans who are residents of a
26 territory of the United States, veterans who are part

1 of the indigenous population of a territory of the
2 United States, and other identified groups of minor-
3 ity veterans are substantively different from other
4 populations of the veteran community.

5 (2) In the context of the transition experience,
6 whether and how the post-military service employ-
7 ment aspirations such groups of veterans covered by
8 the research project are substantively different from
9 such aspirations of other populations of the veteran
10 community.

11 (3) To the extent that any barriers to employ-
12 ment or aspirations are identified under paragraph
13 (1) or (2) as being substantially different for any of
14 the groups of veterans covered by the research
15 project, whether the Transition Assistance Program
16 is designed to appropriately address those dif-
17 ferences.

18 (4) To the extent that the Transition Assist-
19 ance Program is determined not to be designed to
20 appropriately address a difference under paragraph
21 (3), an identification of any change that could be
22 made to the Program to more appropriately address
23 such difference.

24 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
25 after the date of the commencement of the research pro-

- 1 gram under this section, the Secretary of Labor shall sub-
- 2 mit to Congress a report on the research program.

