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S. 2799

To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve oversight of the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2018

Mr. ROUNDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Department of Defense
5 Transition Assistance Program Oversight Improvement
6 Act of 2018”.

7 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE TRANSITION ASSIST-**
8 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

9 (a) ANNUAL REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN PRO-
10 GRAM.—Section 1144 of title 10, United States Code, is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(g) ANNUAL REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN PRO-
4 GRAM.—(1) Not later than February 28 each year, the
5 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
6 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
7 atives a report on the participation of members of the
8 armed forces in the program under this section during the
9 preceding year.

10 “(2) Each report under this subsection shall set
11 forth, for the year covered by such report, the following:

12 “(A) The number of members who were eligible
13 for participation in the program, in aggregate and
14 by component of the armed forces.

15 “(B) The number of members who participated
16 in the program, in aggregate and by component of
17 the armed forces, for each service as follows:

18 “(i) Preseparation counseling provided by
19 the Department of Defense.

20 “(ii) Briefings provided by the Department
21 of Veterans Affairs.

22 “(iii) Employment workshops provided by
23 the Department of Labor.

24 “(C) The number of members who did not par-
25 ticipate in the program due to a waiver of the par-

1 participation requirement under subsection (c)(2) for
 2 each service set forth in subparagraph (B).

3 “(3) Each report under this subsection may also in-
 4 clude such recommendations for legislative or administra-
 5 tive action as the Secretary of Defense, in consultation
 6 with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
 7 fairs, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, considers
 8 appropriate to increase participation of members of the
 9 armed forces in each service set forth in paragraph
 10 (2)(B).”.

11 (b) ANNUAL REPORT ON ASSESSMENT OF PROGRAM
 12 BY PARTICIPANTS.—Such section is further amended by
 13 adding at the end the following new subsection:

14 “(h) ANNUAL REPORT ON ASSESSMENT OF PRO-
 15 GRAM BY PARTICIPANTS.—(1) Not later than February 28
 16 each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
 17 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
 18 House of Representatives a report on assessments of the
 19 program under this section during the preceding calendar
 20 year by participants in the program.

21 “(2) Each report under this subsection shall set
 22 forth, for the year covered by such report, the following:

23 “(A) A summary of the data obtained by the
 24 Department of Defense through assessments of the
 25 program during such year by participants in the pro-

1 gram, including data obtained through the assess-
2 ments as follows:

3 “(i) The Transition Goals Plans Success
4 (GPS) Participant Assessment.

5 “(ii) Status of Forces Surveys (SOFS).

6 “(B) A summary of the conclusions derived by
7 the Secretary from the data described in subpara-
8 graph (A).

9 “(C) Such recommendations for improvements
10 to the program as the Secretary considers appro-
11 priate in light of the data described by subparagraph
12 (A) and the conclusions described by subparagraph
13 (B), including recommendations for such legislative
14 or administrative action as the Secretary considers
15 appropriate to carry out such improvements.”.

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