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S. 3322

To establish a pilot program to provide flight training services to veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2018

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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services to veterans.

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 “American Aviator
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FLIGHT TRAINING**
7 **SERVICES TO VETERANS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
9 Aviation Administration (in this section referred to as the
10 “Administrator”) shall establish a pilot program under

1 which grants are made to 10 eligible entities to provide
2 flight training services to veterans.

3 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For purposes of this section,
4 the term “eligible entity” means a pilot school that—

5 (1) holds a training certificate under part 141
6 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations; and

7 (2) has an established employment pathway
8 with at least one commercial air carrier operating
9 under part 121 or 135 of title 14, Code of Federal
10 Regulations.

11 (c) PRIORITY APPLICATION.—In selecting eligible en-
12 tities to award grants to under this section, the Adminis-
13 trator shall give priority to eligible entities that meet ei-
14 ther of the following:

15 (1) The entity is accredited by the Department
16 of Education.

17 (2) The entity holds a restricted airline trans-
18 port pilot (R-ATP) letter of authorization, as speci-
19 fied under part 61 of title 14, Code of Federal Reg-
20 ulations.

21 (d) CONSIDERATIONS IN SELECTION.—In selecting
22 eligible entities to award grants to under this section, the
23 Administrator shall consider the following:

1 (1) The eligible entity's student success/pass
2 rate, as measured by part 141 of title 14, Code of
3 Federal Regulations.

4 (2) The total estimated cost per veteran to com-
5 plete the eligible entity's program.

6 (3) The anticipated time from start of training
7 under the eligible entity's program to employment.

8 (4) The eligible entity's graduate placement
9 percentage.

10 (5) The eligible entity's use of advance tech-
11 nology and simulation.

12 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts from a grant received
13 by an eligible entity under the pilot program shall be used
14 for the following:

15 (1) To recruit and enroll veterans for flight
16 training services.

17 (2) To provide guidance and flight training
18 services to the veterans enrolled, including additional
19 training required to reach proficiency, for the fol-
20 lowing certificates and ratings:

21 (A) Private pilot certificate.

22 (B) Instrument rating.

23 (C) Commercial pilot certificate.

24 (D) Multi-engine rating.

1 (E) Certified flight instructor certificate, if
 2 applicable to degree sought.

3 (F) Certified flight instructor instrument
 4 certificate, if applicable to degree sought.

5 (3) To provide applicable program tuition,
 6 books, training materials, and equipment.

7 (4) To provide periodic reports to the Adminis-
 8 trator on use of the grant funds, including docu-
 9 mentation of training completion of the certificates
 10 and ratings described in subparagraphs (A) through
 11 (F) of paragraph (2).

12 (f) COORDINATION WITH VETERANS EDUCATION
 13 BENEFITS.—In the event a veteran participates in the
 14 pilot program who is entitled to educational assistance for
 15 veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of
 16 Veterans Affairs—

17 (1) any costs of the veteran in participation in
 18 the pilot program that are covered by such edu-
 19 cational assistance shall be borne by the veteran
 20 using such educational assistance; and

21 (2) any costs incurred by the veteran in partici-
 22 pation in the pilot program that are not covered by
 23 such educational assistance, including the cost of a
 24 private pilot license, may be borne by the eligible en-

1 tity concerned using grant amounts awarded to the
2 eligible entity for purposes of the pilot program.

3 (g) APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section,
4 there is authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each
5 of the fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

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