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H. R. 7098

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to identify the private entities participating in Skillbridge that offer positions in registered apprenticeship programs to members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL (for herself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. CROW, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. TOKUDA) 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 “Servicemember Ap-
5 prenticeship Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SKILLBRIDGE: STUDY ON APPRENTICESHIP PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—Not later than September 30, 2024, the
4 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
5 of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating,
6 shall conduct a study to identify the private entities par-
7 ticipating in Skillbridge that offer positions in registered
8 apprenticeship programs to covered members.

9 (b) RECRUITMENT.—The Secretary shall consult with
10 officials and employees of the Department of Labor who
11 have experience with registered apprenticeship programs
12 to facilitate the Secretary entering into agreements with
13 entities that offer positions described in subsection (a) in
14 areas where the Secretary determines few such positions
15 are available to covered members.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) The term “covered member” means a mem-
18 ber of the Armed Forces eligible for Skillbridge.

19 (2) The term “registered apprenticeship pro-
20 gram” means an apprenticeship program registered
21 under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known
22 as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664,
23 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

1 (3) The term “Skillbridge” means an employ-
2 ment skills training program under section 1143(e)
3 of title 10, United States Code.

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