

HR 4015

Jobs for Veterans Act

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Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-11]	D · TX		May 7, 2002
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Rep. McKinney, Cynthia A. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 7, 2002
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		May 7, 2002
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Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		May 7, 2002
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 14, 2002
Rep. Bilirakis, Michael [R-FL-9]	R · FL		May 14, 2002
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-22]	D · CA		May 14, 2002
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-10]	D · IN		May 14, 2002
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Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		May 14, 2002
Rep. Stump, Bob [R-AZ-3]	R · AZ		May 14, 2002
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		May 14, 2002
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-49]	D · CA		May 20, 2002
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 20, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	May 2, 2002
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Oct 15, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Jobs for Veterans Act - Entitles the following to priority under certain job training programs funded by the Department of Labor (Department): (1) a veteran; (2) the spouse of any veteran who died of a service-connected disability; (3) the spouse of a member serving on active duty who is listed as missing in action, captured in the line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power; and (4) the spouse of any veteran who has a total service-connected disability rating or who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence. Directs the Secretary of Labor to annually evaluate the efficacy of and veteran representation in such priority service and to report results to the congressional veterans' committees.

Requires any Federal personal property and nonpersonal services procurement contract of \$100,000 or more to contain a provision requiring the contractor to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, veterans who served on active duty during a war or campaign for which a campaign badge has been authorized, recently separated veterans (within three years), and veterans who, while serving on active duty, participated in a military operation for which a service medal was awarded.

Entitles qualified veterans to recruitment appointments in the Federal Government at any time.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary (acting through the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training), in carrying out a program of performance incentive awards, to establish criteria for such programs to be administered by States to: (1) encourage the improvement and modernization of veterans' employment, training, and placement services; and (2) recognize employees for excellence in the provision of such services. Allows such awards to be cash or nonfinancial awards. Makes eligible for such awards disabled veterans' outreach program specialists, local veterans' employment representatives, and individuals providing employment, training, and placement services to veterans under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 or through an employment service delivery system.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training to formulate and implement (currently, to advise the Secretary with respect to formulation and implementation of) all Department procedures and policies with respect to veterans' employment and training, the employment and reemployment rights of military personnel, and all other Department employment, unemployment, and training programs that affect veterans. Removes the requirement that such Assistant Secretary, as well as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, be veterans.

Directs the Secretary to establish and implement a comprehensive performance accountability system and carry out annual performance reviews with respect to the provision of veterans' employment, training, and placement services.

Requires a State to submit an application for a grant or contract for the provision of services of disabled veterans' outreach specialists and local veterans' employment representatives. Directs the Secretary to make available to each State with an approved application an amount of funding in proportion to the number of veterans seeking employment. Requires corrective action plans from participating States which have an entered-employment rate for veterans that is deficient for the preceding program. Requires each award recipient to annually notify the Secretary of each non-veteran who is employed as a disabled veterans' outreach program specialist and local veterans' employment representative for more than six months. Directs each State to coordinate all such services provided to veterans and other eligible persons with such services furnished under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Requires, with respect to program years beginning during or after FY 2004, that one percent of the funds made available to a State for veterans' employment, training, and placement services be used for the performance incentive awards

program.

Requires the Assistant Secretary to establish and implement a comprehensive performance accountability system to measure the performance of employment service delivery systems. Authorizes the Secretary to provide technical assistance to States experiencing deficient entered-employment rates with respect to a program year.

Removes the requirement that the Secretary also assign to each State one Assistant Director for Veterans' Employment and Training for every 250,000 veterans and eligible persons and such additional Assistant Directors as the Secretary determines to be necessary. Allows the Secretary to assign appropriate supervisory personnel to carry out veterans' employment, training, and placement services.

Requires: (1) States to employ a sufficient number of disabled veterans' outreach specialists and local veterans' employment representatives (current law specifies 7400 specialists and 1600 representatives); and (2) such representatives to report at least quarterly regarding Federal law compliance with respect to special services and priorities for eligible veterans and persons. Repeals standards for the performance of such specialists and representatives.

Requires States to employ qualified veterans or eligible persons to carry out veterans' employment, training, and placement services.

Directs the Secretary to provide one-stop services and assistance to covered persons electronically via the Internet and other electronic means.

(Sec. 5) Includes intensive services under authorized veterans' employment and training services.

Requires information concerning other eligible persons (currently, only Vietnam veterans), recently separated veterans, and service members making the transition to civilian careers to be included in an annual veterans' employment report by the Secretary. Requires additional reports concerning: (1) the program of performance incentive awards for quality veterans' employment services; and (2) the performance of States, organizations, and entities carrying out veterans' employment, training, and placement services.

(Sec. 6) Establishes within the Department of Labor the President's National Hire Veterans Committee to take certain actions to facilitate the employment of veterans and disabled veterans. Requires reports, from 2003 through 2005, from the Committee to Congress on its activities, including veterans' job placement and retention achieved. Terminates the Committee 60 days after its final report. Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 7) Requires the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on the implementation of the provisions of this Act during the program years beginning during FY 2003 and 2004.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 7, 2002:** Signed by President.
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- **Nov 7, 2002:** Became Public Law No: 107-288.
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- **Oct 29, 2002:** Presented to President.
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- **Oct 16, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Mr. Arney asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment.
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(consideration: CR H7964-8009; text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H7998-8002)
- **Oct 16, 2002:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H7964-8009; text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H7998-8002)
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 15, 2002:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Oct 15, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10476-10479)
- **Oct 15, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 15, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 22, 2002:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 21, 2002:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2779)
- **May 21, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 0 (Roll no. 184).(text: CR 5/20/2002 H2617-2621)
- **May 21, 2002:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 0 (Roll no. 184). (text: CR 5/20/2002 H2617-2621)
- **May 21, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 20, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 107-476.
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- **May 20, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 286.
- **May 20, 2002:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 20, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2617-2623)
- **May 20, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4015.
- **May 20, 2002:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 9, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 9, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 2, 2002:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 2, 2002:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 18, 2002:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 22, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Mar 20, 2002:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 20, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.