

## HR 6221

Improving Veterans' Opportunity in Education and Business Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jun 10, 2008

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Aug 1, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/6221>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Boozman, John [R-AR-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		Jun 10, 2008
Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jul 23, 2008
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 29, 2008

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 26, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Improving Veterans' Opportunity in Education and Business Act of 2008 - Requires that, if the Secretary of Veterans Affairs enters into a contract or other arrangement, on or after June 1, 2007, to acquire goods or services (or both), the Secretary shall include in such contract or arrangement a requirement that the contractee comply with Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) contracting goals and preferences with respect to small businesses owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans. Directs the Secretary to modify current contracts and arrangements to comply with requirements of this Act.

Requires the Secretary to conduct a five-year pilot project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of VA workstudy activities to include workstudy positions available on site at educational institutions, including positions in academic departments and in student services. Authorizes appropriations.

Directs the Secretary to carry out a program of job training in skills relevant to the job market for discharged veterans who are either currently not paid at more than 150% of the federal minimum wage, or: (1) had a military occupational specialty of limited transferability to the civilian job market; (2) are not otherwise eligible for veterans' education or training services; (3) have not acquired a marketable skill since leaving military service; (4) were discharged under conditions not less than honorable; and (5) have been unemployed for at least 90 of the previous 180 days. Designates the program as the MOST (military occupational specialty transition) Program. Directs the Secretary to contract with employers to provide programs of apprenticeship on on-job training for such veterans. Limits such payments to \$20,000 per veteran and 24 months in duration. Requires quarterly employer reports certifying wages paid to such veterans. Authorizes appropriations. Requires the Secretary to describe Program activities within a currently-required annual report by the Veterans Benefits Administration.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Aug 1, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7707)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 7/29/2008 H7253-7254)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 7/29/2008 H7253-7254)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-785.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 504.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Mr. Boozman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6221.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7253-7255; text of measure as reported in House: CR H7253-7254)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Boozman objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 19, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 13, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Jun 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 10, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.