

## S 922

### Veterans Equipped for Success Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** May 9, 2013

**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111. (Jun 12, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/922>

## Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors

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No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 12, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

Veterans Equipped for Success Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretary of Labor to carry out a three-year pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing subsidies to employers employing eligible individuals in order to provide such individuals with valuable work experience, increase their skills, and assist them in obtaining long-term employment. Makes eligible for such program an individual who:

1. is a veteran who was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable,
2. is a member of the reserves who served on active duty for more than 180 consecutive days during the two-year period ending on the date of participation in the program,
3. is between the ages of 18 and 34 or 55 and 64,
4. is not in receiving compensation through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) due to unemployability,
5. is not enrolled in a federal or state job training program, and
6. is considered by the Secretary to be unemployed or underemployed.

Outlines employer eligibility requirements, and prohibits an employer from displacing current employees with program participants. Limits the program to 50,000 participants, and directs the Secretary to carry out the program in areas with high concentrations of veterans. Provides subsidy amounts as percentages of basic pay for the work performed. Limits payment duration to one year or the period of employment under the program. Expresses the sense of Congress that such subsidy should not be paid for the performance of functions that are so inherently governmental that the position would not provide the individual with the experience, training, or skills necessary for employment in the private sector. Requires pilot program reports during its duration.

Directs the VA Secretary to conduct a three-year pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing a program of career transition services to assist eligible individuals in obtaining work experience in the private sector, increasing their marketable skills, obtaining long-term employment, and integrating into their local communities. Makes eligible for such program an individual described under (1), (2), or (6), above, who is, at the time of participation, at least 18 but no more than 30 years old. Limits the program to 50,000 participants, and directs such Secretary to especially consider areas with high concentrations of eligible individuals age 25 and younger. Outlines available career transition services under the program, and directs such Secretary to attempt to place participants in an internship with an appropriate employer. Provides mentoring and job-shadowing for program participants. Requires participants to also participate in volunteer activities related to providing assistance to, or for the benefit of, a veteran. Directs such Secretary to provide workshops for the development and improvement of professional skills of participants. Requires pilot program reports.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Jun 12, 2013:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.
- **May 9, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 9, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3332-3333)
- **May 9, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3333-3337)