

HR 4824

Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Nov 8, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 23, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 8, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill addresses programs and policies related to the employment of veterans.

Specifically, the bill reauthorizes through December 31, 2021, the veterans retraining assistance program, which previously provided assistance for programs of education that led to in-demand jobs. The bill authorizes up to 50,000 veteran participants in the program during FY2020 through December 31, 2023. Under the bill, the program entitles veterans for an aggregate of 12 months retraining assistance.

The bill also reauthorizes through (1) March 31, 2022, additional Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs for certain disabled veterans who have completed a VA rehabilitation program and have exhausted their rights to state unemployment benefits; and (2) FY2023, the collaborative veterans' training, mentoring, and placement program.

The VA must develop a single, unified federal web-based employment portal for veterans to access information on federal programs and activities concerning veteran employment, unemployment, and training.

The bill requires the (1) Department of Homeland Security to award grants to hire veterans as firefighters, and (2) Department of Justice to award grants to hire veterans as law enforcement officers.

Finally, the bill requires the Office of Federal Procurement Policy within the Office of Management and Budget to establish a preference for the procurement of certain contracts (including defense contracts) valued at \$25 million or higher. Specifically, the office must establish a preference for contracting with offerors that employ a specified percent of veterans as full-time employees.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, Armed Services, Science, Space, and Technology, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.