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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress regarding the civilian equivalents of military training, education, and occupational specialties.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress regarding the civilian equivalents of military training, education, and occupational specialties.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Servicemember Experience Recognition and Validation for Industry Credentials and Employment Act'' of the ''SERVICE Act''.

SEC. 2. REPORT REGARDING CIVILIAN EQUIVALENTS OF MILITARY TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with governors of the States and the covered Secretaries, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a written report containing a plan to ensure that military training and experience translates to civilian employment. The report shall include the following elements:

(1) A list of military occupational specialties in the covered Armed Forces and their civilian equivalents.

(2) A list of trainings and education furnished by the Secretary of Defense to members of the covered Armed Forces and their civilian equivalents (including postsecondary education, certifications, and apprenticeships).

(3) A plan to make transcripts and records of the Department of Defense digitally portable.

(4) Recommendations of the Secretary regarding statutory or regulatory changes to make military experience, credentials, and training more transferable to civilian employment.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term ''appropriate congressional committee'' means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives

(B) and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(D) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(E) the Committee on Education and Workforce of the House of Representative; or

(F) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

(2) The term ''covered Armed Force'' means the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.

(3) The term ''covered Secretary'' means—

(A) the Secretary of Education;

(B) the Secretary of Labor; or

(C) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.