

# **The Veterans Employment Assistance Act of 2010**

## **Section 1: Short Title**

## **Section 2: Findings**

## **Section 3: Veterans Business Center Program**

- Would authorize several grant programs for veterans business centers to promote entrepreneurial development and financial literacy, assist in securing capital and repairing damaged credit, facilitate access to traditional and non-traditional financing sources, and provide information about government procurement assistance, among other things.
- Requires an annual report on the effectiveness and performance of veteran business centers.

## **Section 4: Reporting Requirement for Interagency Task Force**

- Would establish a reporting requirement on the appointments made to and activities of the Interagency Task Force that coordinates the efforts of Federal agencies to improve capital and business development opportunities for, and ensure achievement of the pre-established Federal contracting goals for, small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans.

## **Section 5: Period for Completion of Training of New Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialists And Local Veterans Employment Representatives By National Veterans Employment And Training Services Institute**

- Will require that State employees assigned to serve as disabled veteran's outreach program specialist or local veterans' employment representative, complete satisfactory training within one year, as opposed to three years as currently required by law.

## **Section 6: Employment Training Assistance**

- The Secretary of Labor shall pay to each covered veteran a monthly training subsistence allowance for each month that a covered veterans is enrolled in a full time employment and training program.
  - This allowance would be equal to the basic allowance for housing paid to a member of the Armed Forces in pay grade E-5 in the zip code they reside.
- In addition to the training subsistence allowance, the Secretary shall pay a relocation stipend for expenses incurred by a covered veteran for one relocation.
  - Relocation must be related to an employment and training program or an employment opportunity related to the field in which the veteran was trained in an employment and training program.
- Requires an annual report on the effectiveness of the training subsistence allowance and the relocation stipend.

### **Section 7: Use of Entitlement Under Post 9/11 Educational Assistance for Apprenticeship and On-Job Training**

- Would amend the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill to allow individuals to utilize benefits to pursue full-time apprenticeship program or other on-job training programs. Monthly benefit payment would be equal to:
  - 75% of the monthly benefit payment otherwise payable to such individual for each of the first six months of the program
  - 55% of such payment for each of the second six months of the program
  - 35% of such payment for each of the months following the first 12 months of the program.
- Entitles an eligible veteran of the Armed Forces receiving such monthly benefit to receive also a monthly housing stipend equal to the basic allowance for housing payable for an Armed Forces member with dependents in pay grade E-5 residing in the military housing area that encompasses the ZIP code area in which the individual resides.

### **Section 8: Veterans Conservation Corps Grant Program**

- Would establish a grant program for States to establish veteran conservation corps to provide veterans with training, education, volunteer and employment opportunities related to conservation projects.

### **Section 9: Centers of Excellence in Reforming Higher Education to Afford Academic Credit for Military Experience and Training**

- Supports research, development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of methods for educational institutions to afford academic credit for military experience and training.

### **Section 10: Publication of Data on Employment of Certain Veterans by Federal Contractors**

- Directs the Secretary of Labor to establish and maintain an Internet website that publically discloses the employment statistics reported by contractors to the Secretary of Labor.

### **Section 11: Military Pathways Demonstration Project**

- Establishes a demonstration program by making competitive grants for demonstration projects to examine the feasibility of establishing transitioning military members to build on technical skills learned in military jobs and enter the IT workforce or continue developing skills in the IT discipline.
- Establishes a demonstration program by making competitive grants for demonstration projects to examine the feasibility of establishing transitioning military members to build on technical skills learned in military jobs and enter the nursing, public health and allied health professionals, and physician assistant workforce.

**Section 12: Veterans Energy-Related Employment Program**

- Directs the Secretary of Labor to establish a five-year pilot program to award competitive grants to three states to establish and administer a program of grants to energy industry employers and labor management organizations that provide training, apprenticeships, and certification classes to veterans employed by an energy employer.

**Section 13: Grants for Emergency Medical Services Personnel Training For Veterans**

- Would allow the Secretary to use funds to provide required coursework and training that take into account, and are not duplicative of, previous medical coursework and training received when veterans were active members of the Armed Forces, to enable such veterans to satisfy emergency medical services personnel certification requirements, as determined by the appropriate State regulatory entity.

**Section 14: Veterans to Work Pilot Program**

- Requires the Secretary of Defense to designate at least twenty military construction projects per year where, to the maximum extent feasible, the utilization of veteran apprenticeship labor would be required.
- At the conclusion of each year, and at the 5-year pilot program, the Secretary would be required to submit a report to Congress that, among other things, evaluates the benefits of employing apprentices who are veterans.

**Section 15: Report on Recommendations for Improvements to the Transition Assistance Program to Better Meet the Needs of Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans**

**Section 16: Study on Program of Transition Assistance Modeled on National Guard Employment Enhancement Program of the Washington National Guard**