



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Phil Roe, M.D.

H.R. 3018: To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans may attend pre-apprenticeship programs using certain educational assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Background:

The U.S Department of Labor (DOL) authorizes a number of “pre-apprenticeship” programs that teach or improve vocational skills such as mathematics and literacy that are needed for a Registered Apprenticeship program. Working closely with Registered Apprenticeship sponsors, those in the program can greatly expand their career opportunities in a wide range of professional industries with specific, hands-on training that is atypical of a standard two- or four-year school. As the demand for trade skills continues to rise, DOL’s pre-apprenticeship programs will continue to be valuable in preparing our workforce to meet that demand.

This bill will allow veterans eligible for the post-9/11 GI Bill to participate in pre-apprenticeship programs so long as they meet the standards set forth by their state and Registered Apprenticeship programs.

The Message:

- There is no better way to close the skills gap in America than by equipping hardworking veterans with valuable trade skills.
- This legislation will allow veterans to directly translate GI Bill benefits into a wider range of career options.
- While giving those that have served our country increased opportunity to expand their education, we must ensure that that opportunity exists outside standard two or four year colleges.