



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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H.R. 4835: The Job Training through Off-Base Opportunities and Local Support Act

Background:

One of the most important things Congress can do for the men and women who have served this nation is to improve efforts that help returning servicemembers reintegrate back into civilian life. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) is a joint program administered by the U.S. Departments of Defense (DoD), Labor (DoL) and Veterans Affairs (VA) and is charged with providing veterans a successful transition. Before the creation of TAP, transitioning servicemembers received little to no job training or assistance in their transition to civilian life.

The Job TOOLS for Veterans Act would re-authorize the off-base TAP pilot that required the Department of Labor to offer the employment workshop portion of TAP to veterans outside of military installations. This pilot program was originally enacted in 2012 and this bill would reauthorize the pilot for another five years and would expand the number of locations to 50 locations. This would expand access to job resources and training to veterans who have already separated and who may need additional assistance and training in finding new employment.

The Message:

- The Transition Assistance Program provides servicemembers with valuable job training and resources to help their transition from active duty to civilian life.
- The Job TOOLS for Veterans Act would make already-separated veterans eligible for the employment workshop portion of TAP.
- This legislation would create 50 centers across the country for job resources and training.