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To amend title 38, United States Code, to transfer certain functions of the Department of Labor to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Consolidating Veteran
5 Employment Services for Improved Performance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR VETERANS**
2 **PROGRAMS TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective October 1, 2027,
6 there shall be transferred to the Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs all functions performed under the fol-
8 lowing programs of the Department of Labor, and
9 all personnel, assets, and liabilities pertaining to
10 such programs, immediately before such transfer oc-
11 curs:

12 (A) Job counseling, training, and place-
13 ment services for veterans under chapter 41 of
14 title 38, United States Code.

15 (B) Federal Government employment serv-
16 ices by the Secretary of Labor under section
17 4214 of such title.

18 (C) Administration of employment and re-
19 employment rights of members of the uniformed
20 services under chapter 43 of such title.

21 (D) Homeless veterans reintegration pro-
22 grams under chapter 20 of such title.

23 (2) MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT.—The Sec-
24 retary of Veterans Affairs shall enter into memoran-
25 dums of agreement with the Secretary of Labor and
26 with States (as defined in section 4101(6) of title

1 38, United States Code), as the Secretary of Vet-
2 erans Affairs determines necessary, to implement
3 the transition of the programs specified under para-
4 graph (1).

5 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
6 Act may be construed to affect the role and respon-
7 sibility of the Secretary of Labor with respect to
8 programs not administered by the Assistant Sec-
9 retary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and
10 Training Service as of the day before the date of the
11 enactment of this Act that are specified under para-
12 graph (1).

13 (b) BUDGET REQUEST.—Under section 1105 of title
14 31, United States Code, the President shall include in the
15 President's budget request for the Department of Vet-
16 erans Affairs for fiscal year 2028, and for each subsequent
17 fiscal year, funding requested for the functions referred
18 to in subsection (a)(1).

19 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any other Fed-
20 eral law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation
21 of authority, or any document of or pertaining to a depart-
22 ment or office from which a function is transferred by this
23 Act—

1 (1) to the head of such department or office is
2 deemed to refer to the head of the department or of-
3 fice to which such function is transferred; or

4 (2) to such department or office is deemed to
5 refer to the department or office to which such func-
6 tion is transferred.

7 (d) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.—Except as other-
8 wise provided by law, a Federal official to whom a function
9 is transferred by this Act may, for purposes of performing
10 the function, exercise all authorities under any other provi-
11 sion of law that were available with respect to the perform-
12 ance of that function to the official responsible for the per-
13 formance of the function immediately before the effective
14 date of the transfer of the function under this Act.

15 (e) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

16 (1) LEGAL DOCUMENTS.—All orders, deter-
17 minations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans,
18 contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and
19 privileges—

20 (A) that have been issued, made, granted,
21 or allowed to become effective by the President,
22 the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Vet-
23 erans Affairs, any officer or employee of any of-
24 fice transferred by this Act, or any other Gov-
25 ernment official, or by a court of competent ju-

1 jurisdiction, in the performance of any function
2 that is transferred by this Act, and

3 (B) that are in effect on the effective date
4 of such transfer (or become effective after such
5 date pursuant to their terms as in effect on
6 such effective date),
7 shall continue in effect according to their terms until
8 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or re-
9 voked in accordance with law by the President, any
10 other authorized official, a court of competent juris-
11 diction, or operation of law.

12 (2) PROCEEDINGS.—This Act shall not affect
13 any proceedings or any application for any benefits,
14 service, license, permit, certificate, or financial as-
15 sistance pending on the date of the enactment of
16 this Act before an office transferred by this Act, but
17 such proceedings and applications shall be contin-
18 ued. Orders shall be issued in such proceedings, ap-
19 peals shall be taken therefrom, and payments shall
20 be made pursuant to such orders, as if this Act had
21 not been enacted, and orders issued in any such pro-
22 ceeding shall continue in effect until modified, termi-
23 nated, superseded, or revoked by a duly authorized
24 official, by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by
25 operation of law. Nothing in this subsection shall be

1 considered to prohibit the discontinuance or modi-
2 fication of any such proceeding under the same
3 terms and conditions and to the same extent that
4 such proceeding could have been discontinued or
5 modified if this Act had not been enacted.

6 (3) SUITS.—This Act shall not affect suits com-
7 menced before the date of the enactment of this Act,
8 and in all such suits, proceeding shall be had, ap-
9 peals taken, and judgments rendered in the same
10 manner and with the same effect as if this Act had
11 not been enacted.

12 (4) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, ac-
13 tion, or other proceeding commenced by or against
14 the Department of Labor or the Secretary of Labor,
15 or by or against any individual in the official capac-
16 ity of such individual as an officer or employee of an
17 office transferred by this Act, shall abate by reason
18 of the enactment of this Act.

19 (5) CONTINUANCE OF SUITS.—If any Govern-
20 ment officer in the official capacity of such officer
21 is party to a suit with respect to a function of the
22 officer, and under this Act such function is trans-
23 ferred to any other officer or office, then such suit
24 shall be continued with the other officer or the head

1 of such other office, as applicable, substituted or
2 added as a party.

3 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDI-
4 CIAL REVIEW.—Except as otherwise provided by this
5 Act, any statutory requirements relating to notice,
6 hearings, action upon the record, or administrative
7 or judicial review that apply to any function trans-
8 ferred by this Act shall apply to the exercise of such
9 function by the head of the Federal agency, and
10 other officers of the agency, to which such function
11 is transferred by this Act.

12 (f) TRANSFER OF ASSETS.—Except as otherwise pro-
13 vided in this Act, so much of the personnel, property,
14 records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allo-
15 cations, and other funds employed, used, held, available,
16 or to be made available in connection with a function
17 transferred to an official or agency by this Act shall be
18 available to the official or the head of that agency, respec-
19 tively, at such time or times as the Director of the Office
20 of Management and Budget directs for use in connection
21 with the functions transferred.

22 (g) DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT.—Except as oth-
23 erwise expressly prohibited by law or otherwise provided
24 in this Act, an official to whom functions are transferred
25 under this Act (including the head of any office to which

1 functions are transferred under this Act) may delegate
2 any of the functions so transferred to such officers and
3 employees of the office of the official as the official may
4 designate, and may authorize successive redelegations of
5 such functions as may be necessary or appropriate. No
6 delegation of functions under this section or under any
7 other provision of this Act shall relieve the official to whom
8 a function is transferred under this Act of responsibility
9 for the administration of the function.

10 (h) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
11 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO FUNC-
12 TIONS TRANSFERRED.—

13 (1) DETERMINATIONS.—If necessary, the Di-
14 rector of Management and Budget shall make any
15 determination of the functions that are transferred
16 under this Act.

17 (2) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—The Director, at
18 such time or times as the Director shall provide,
19 may make such determinations as may be necessary
20 with regard to the functions transferred by this Act,
21 and to make such additional incidental dispositions
22 of personnel, assets, liabilities, grants, contracts,
23 property, records, and unexpended balances of ap-
24 propriations, authorizations, allocations, and other
25 funds held, used, arising from, available to, or to be

1 made available in connection with such functions, as
2 may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
3 Act. The Director shall provide for the termination
4 of the affairs of all entities terminated by this Act
5 and for such further measures and dispositions as
6 may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
7 Act.

8 (i) CERTAIN VESTING OF FUNCTIONS CONSIDERED
9 TRANSFERS.—For purposes of this Act, the vesting of a
10 function in a department or office pursuant to reestablish-
11 ment of an office shall be considered to be the transfer
12 of the function.

13 (j) AVAILABILITY OF EXISTING FUNDS.—Existing
14 appropriations and funds available for the performance of
15 functions, programs, and activities terminated pursuant to
16 this Act shall remain available, for the duration of their
17 period of availability, for necessary expenses in connection
18 with the termination and resolution of such functions, pro-
19 grams, and activities.

20 (k) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act—

21 (1) the term “function” includes any duty, obli-
22 gation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privi-
23 lege, activity, or program; and

1 (2) the term “office” includes any office, ad-
2 ministration, agency, bureau, institute, council, unit,
3 organizational entity, or component thereof.

4 **SEC. 3. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
5 **FAIRS FOR VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPOR-**
6 **TUNITY AND TRANSITION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 4102A
8 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 “(a) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS
11 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND TRANSITION.—There is es-
12 tablished within the Department a Deputy Under Sec-
13 retary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition,
14 who shall formulate and implement all departmental poli-
15 cies and procedures to carry out the purposes of this chap-
16 ter, chapter 20, and chapter 43 of this title.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 41 of title
18 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

19 (1) The section heading of section 4102A of
20 such title is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 4102A. Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans Eco-**
2 **nomiC Opportunity and Transition; pro-**
3 **gram functions; Regional Administra-**
4 **tors”.**

5 (2) The item relating to such section in the
6 table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is
7 amended to read as follows:

“4102A. Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and
Transition; program functions; Regional Administrators.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2027.

10 **SEC. 4. CONSOLIDATION OF DISABLED VETERANS OUT-**
11 **REACH PROGRAM AND LOCAL VETERANS’**
12 **EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVES.**

13 (a) CONSOLIDATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4104 of title 38,
15 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

16 **“§ 4104. Veteran employment specialists**

17 **“(a) REQUIREMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT BY**
18 **STATES.—**(1) Subject to approval by the Secretary, a
19 State shall employ and assign such full- or part-time vet-
20 eran employment specialists in an agency of the State as
21 the State determines appropriate and efficient to carry out
22 the following:

23 **“(A) Employment, training, and placement**
24 **services under this chapter.**

1 “(B) Intensive services under this chapter to
2 meet the employment needs of eligible veterans with
3 the following priority in the provision of services:

4 “(i) Special disabled veterans.

5 “(ii) Other disabled veterans.

6 “(iii) Other eligible veterans in accordance
7 with priorities determined by the Secretary tak-
8 ing into account applicable rates of unemploy-
9 ment and the employment emphases set forth in
10 chapter 42 of this title.

11 “(2) In the provision of services in accordance with
12 this subsection, maximum emphasis in meeting the em-
13 ployment and training needs of veterans shall be placed
14 on assisting economically or educationally disadvantaged
15 veterans.

16 “(b) PRINCIPAL DUTIES.—As principal duties, vet-
17 eran employment specialists shall—

18 “(1) conduct outreach to employers in the area
19 to assist veterans and disabled veterans in gaining
20 employment, including conducting seminars for em-
21 ployers and, in conjunction with employers, con-
22 ducting job search workshops and establishing job
23 search groups; and

24 “(2) facilitate employment, training, and place-
25 ment services furnished to veterans and disabled vet-

1 erans in a State under the applicable State employ-
2 ment service delivery systems.

3 “(c) REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFIED VETERANS.—

4 (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), a State shall,
5 to the maximum extent practicable, employ qualified vet-
6 erans to carry out the services referred to in subsection
7 (a). Preference shall be given in the appointment of such
8 specialists to qualified disabled veterans. Preference shall
9 be accorded in the following order:

10 “(A) To qualified service-connected disabled
11 veterans.

12 “(B) If no veteran described in subparagraph
13 (A) is available, to qualified eligible veterans.

14 “(C) If no veteran described in subparagraph
15 (A) or (B) is available, then to qualified eligible per-
16 sons.

17 “(2) During any period in which more than 10 per-
18 cent of the individuals employed to carry out the services
19 referred to in subsection (a) are non-veterans, the pref-
20 erence accorded under paragraph (1) shall be as follows:

21 “(A) To qualified service-connected disabled
22 veterans.

23 “(B) If no veteran described in subparagraph
24 (A) is available, to qualified eligible veterans.

1 “(3)(A) Each State that employs a veteran employ-
2 ment specialist under this section shall submit to the Sec-
3 retary an annual report on the qualifications used by the
4 State in making hiring determinations for such specialists
5 and the salary structure under which such specialists are
6 compensated.

7 “(B) The Secretary shall submit to the Committees
8 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
9 resentatives an annual report summarizing the reports
10 submitted under subparagraph (A).

11 “(C) The first report submitted by the Secretary
12 under subparagraph (B) shall include an evaluation of
13 whether the pay for veteran employment specialists should
14 be scheduled on a standard basis for each State and in-
15 clude locality pay.

16 “(d) PART-TIME EMPLOYEES.—A part-time veteran
17 employment specialist shall perform the functions of a vet-
18 eran employment specialist under this section on a half-
19 time basis.

20 “(e) REPORTING.—Each veteran employment spe-
21 cialist shall be administratively responsible to the manager
22 of the employment service delivery system and shall pro-
23 vide reports, not less frequently than quarterly, to the
24 manager of such office and to the Director for Veterans’
25 Employment and Training for the State regarding compli-

1 ance with Federal law and regulations with respect to spe-
2 cial services and priorities for eligible veterans and eligible
3 persons.”.

4 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
5 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
6 by striking the item relating to section 4104 and in-
7 serting the following new item:

“4104. Veteran employment specialists.”.

8 (3) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
9 fairs shall ensure that an individual who is a veteran
10 employment specialist under section 4104 of title 38,
11 United States Code, as amended by paragraph (1),
12 is properly trained to carry out the duties of such
13 position.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is fur-
15 ther amended—

16 (1) by striking section 4103A and by striking
17 the item relating to such section in the table of sec-
18 tions at the beginning of chapter 41 of such title;

19 (2) in section 4102A—

20 (A) in subsection (b)—

21 (i) in paragraph (5)—

22 (I) by striking subparagraph (B)
23 and redesignating subparagraph (C)
24 as subparagraph (B);

1 (II) by amending subparagraph

2 (A) to read as follows:

3 “(A) veteran employment specialists ap-
4 pointed under section 4104(a) of this title;
5 and”; and

6 (III) in subparagraph (B), as so
7 redesignated, by striking “such spe-
8 cialists and representatives described
9 in subparagraphs (A) and (B)” and
10 inserting “such representatives de-
11 scribed in subparagraph (A)”;

12 (ii) in paragraph (7), by striking “dis-
13 abled veterans’ outreach program special-
14 ists and through local veterans’ employ-
15 ment representatives” and inserting “vet-
16 eran employment specialists”;

17 (B) in subsection (c)—

18 (i) in paragraph (1)—

19 (I) by striking “sections
20 4103A(a) and” and inserting “sec-
21 tion”; and

22 (II) by striking “section 4103A
23 or”;

24 (ii) in paragraph (2)(A)—

25 (I) in clause (i)(I)—

1 (aa) by striking “disabled
2 veterans’ outreach program spe-
3 cialists and local veterans’ em-
4 ployment representatives” and
5 inserting “veteran employment
6 specialists”; and

7 (bb) by striking “sections
8 4103A and 4104” and inserting
9 “section 4104”;

10 (II) in clause (iii), by striking
11 “disabled veterans’ outreach program
12 specialist or a local veterans’ employ-
13 ment representative” and inserting
14 “veteran employment specialist”;

15 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking
16 “4103A or”;

17 (iv) in paragraph (5), by striking
18 “disabled veterans’ outreach program spe-
19 cialist and local veterans’ employment rep-
20 resentative” and inserting “veteran em-
21 ployment specialist”;

22 (v) in paragraph (7), by striking
23 “4103A or”; and

24 (vi) in paragraph (8)(A)—

25 (I) by striking “4103A or”; and

1 (II) by striking “disabled vet-
2 erans’ outreach program specialist or
3 a local veterans’ employment rep-
4 resentative” and inserting “veteran
5 employment specialist”; and

6 (C) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “dis-
7 abled veterans’ outreach program specialists
8 and local veterans’ employment representatives”
9 and inserting “veteran employment specialists”;
10 (3) in section 4109(a), by striking “disabled
11 veterans’ outreach program specialists, local vet-
12 erans’ employment representatives” and inserting
13 “veteran employment specialists”;

14 (4) in section 4112(d)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “disabled
16 veterans’ outreach program specialist” and in-
17 serting “veteran employment specialist”; and

18 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and redesign-
19 ating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2); and

20 (5) in section 3672(d)(1), by striking “disabled
21 veterans’ outreach program specialists under section
22 4103A” and inserting “veteran employment special-
23 ists appointed under section 4104(a)”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2027.

1 **SEC. 5. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING**
2 **AMENDMENTS.**

3 (a) CHAPTER 41.—Chapter 41 of title 38, United
4 States Code, as amended by this Act, is further amended
5 as follows:

6 (1) By striking “Assistant Secretary of Labor
7 for Veterans’ Employment and Training” each place
8 it appears and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary
9 for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-
10 tion”.

11 (2) By striking “Department of Labor” each
12 place it appears and inserting “Department”.

13 (3) By striking “Secretary of Labor” each place
14 it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

15 (4) In section 4101, by striking paragraph (8).

16 (5) In section 4102A(b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “such
18 Assistant Secretary” and inserting “such Dep-
19 uty Under Secretary”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and
21 consulting with the Secretary of Veterans Af-
22 fairs”.

23 (6) In section 4105(b), by striking “and the
24 Secretary of Veterans Affairs” both places it ap-
25 pears.

1 (7) In section 4106(a), by striking “chapters 42
2 and” and inserting “chapter”.

3 (8) By striking section 4108.

4 (9) In the table of sections at the beginning of
5 such chapter, by striking the item relating to section
6 4108.

7 (10) In section 4110(d), by striking paragraph
8 (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) as
9 paragraphs (1) through (5), respectively.

10 (11) In section 4110A(b), by striking “Con-
11 gress” and inserting “the Committees on Veterans’
12 Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-
13 tives”.

14 (12) In subsections (b) through (h) of section
15 4114, by striking “Assistant Secretary” each place
16 it appears and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary”.

17 (b) CHAPTER 42.—Chapter 42 of title 38, United
18 States Code, is amended as follows:

19 (1) In section 4212(c), by striking “include as
20 part” and inserting “shall transmit to the Secretary
21 of Veterans Affairs for inclusion as part”.

22 (2) In section 4215(d)(1)—

23 (A) by striking “In the” and inserting
24 “For inclusion as part of the”; and

1 (B) by striking “shall evaluate” and insert-
2 ing “shall transmit to the Secretary of Veterans
3 Affairs an evaluation of”.

4 (c) CHAPTER 43.—Chapter 43 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended as follows:

6 (1) In section 4303, by striking paragraph (11).

7 (2) By striking “Secretary of Veterans Affairs”
8 each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

9 (3) In section 4321, by striking “(through the
10 Veterans’ Employment and Training Service)”.

11 (4) In section 4332(a)(1), by striking “of
12 Labor”.

13 (5) In section 4333, by striking “, the Sec-
14 retary of Defense, and the Secretary of Veterans Af-
15 fairs” and inserting “and the Secretary of Defense”.

16 (d) CHAPTER 20.—Chapter 20 of title 38, United
17 States Code, is amended as follows:

18 (1) In section 2003(a)(4), by striking “of the
19 Department of Labor”.

20 (2) In section 2011(g)(2), by striking “the De-
21 partment of Labor,”.

22 (3) In section 2021—

23 (A) by striking “Secretary of Labor” each
24 place it appears and inserting “Secretary”;

25 (B) in subsection (e)—

1 (i) by striking the subsection heading
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(c) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH DEPUTY UNDER
4 SECRETARY FOR VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
5 AND TRANSITION.—”; and

6 (ii) by striking “Assistant Secretary
7 of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and
8 Training” and inserting “Deputy Under
9 Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-
10 tunity and Transition”.

11 (4) In section 2021A—

12 (A) by striking “Secretary of Labor” each
13 place it appears and inserting “Secretary”;

14 (B) in subsection (d)—

15 (i) by striking the subsection heading
16 and inserting the following:

17 “(d) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH DEPUTY UNDER
18 SECRETARY FOR VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
19 AND TRANSITION.—”; and

20 (ii) by striking “Assistant Secretary
21 of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and
22 Training” and inserting “Deputy Under
23 Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-
24 tunity and Transition”.

25 (5) In section 2023—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “and the
2 Secretary of Labor (hereinafter in this section
3 referred to as the ‘Secretaries’)”; and

4 (B) by striking “Secretaries” each place it
5 appears and inserting “Secretary”.

6 (6) In section 2065(b)(5), by striking subpara-
7 graph (E) and redesignating subparagraphs (F)
8 through (H) as subparagraphs (E) through (G), re-
9 spectively.

10 (7) In section 2066(a)(3), by striking subpara-
11 graph (A) and redesignating subparagraphs (B)
12 through (G) as subparagraphs (A) through (F), re-
13 spectively.

14 (e) OTHER PROVISIONS OF TITLE 38.—Title 38,
15 United States Code, is further amended as follows:

16 (1) In section 542(a)(2)(B), by striking clause
17 (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as clauses
18 (i) and (ii), respectively.

19 (2) In section 544(a)(2)(B), by striking clause
20 (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) through (vi) as
21 clauses (i) through (v), respectively.

22 (3) In section 3118(b), by striking “and the As-
23 sistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment in the
24 Department of Labor”.

1 (4) In section 3119(c), by striking “Education,
2 the Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment
3 in the Department of Labor,”.

4 (5) In section 3121(a)(3)—

5 (A) by striking “, (B)” and inserting “and
6 (B)”;

7 (B) by striking “, and (C) one representa-
8 tive of the Assistant Secretary of Labor for
9 Veterans’ Employment and Training of the De-
10 partment of Labor. (b) The Secretary shall, on
11 a regular basis, consult with and seek the ad-
12 vice of the Committee with respect to the ad-
13 ministration of veterans’ rehabilitation pro-
14 grams under this title”.

15 (6) In section 3692(a), by striking “and the As-
16 sistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employ-
17 ment and Training shall be ex officio members” and
18 inserting “an ex officio member”.

19 (7) In section 6306—

20 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “shall ar-
21 range with the Secretary of Labor for the State
22 employment service to match” and inserting
23 “shall ensure that the State employment service
24 matches”; and

1 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “, in con-
2 sultation with the Secretary of Labor,”.

3 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2027.

5 **SEC. 6. STUDY AND REPORT ON TRANSFER OF PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and
7 the Secretary of Labor shall jointly conduct a study on
8 implementing—

9 (1) the transfer of functions under section 2;
10 and

11 (2) the amendments made by this Act.

12 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—Such study shall include
13 the following:

14 (1) A comprehensive discussion of the improve-
15 ments to services for veterans made by the transfer
16 of functions under section 2.

17 (2) An analysis of the personnel, assets, and li-
18 abilities of the Department of Labor and the De-
19 partment of Veterans Affairs that would be involved
20 in such transfer.

21 (3) An analysis of the Deputy Under Secretary
22 for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition
23 established under section 4102A(a) of title 38,
24 United States Code, as amended by this Act, includ-
25 ing—

1 (A) an explanation of where such position
2 would exist within the organization chart of the
3 Department;

4 (B) an identification of to whom such posi-
5 tion would report; and

6 (C) the functions that would be carried out
7 by such a position.

8 (4) A detailed estimate of the cost to the Fed-
9 eral Government to implement such transfer, includ-
10 ing any costs or savings resulting from—

11 (A) carrying out such implementation; and

12 (B) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs car-
13 rying out the functions so transferred.

14 (5) A plan to implement such transfer, includ-
15 ing—

16 (A) a detailed time line of such implemen-
17 tation;

18 (B) a list of the rules, regulations, and
19 laws in effect on the date of the commencement
20 of such study that would need to be revised for
21 such implementation;

22 (C) a list of the memorandums of agree-
23 ment entered into with Federal or State depart-
24 ments or agencies that would need to be revised
25 for such implementation;

1 (D) a detailed description of how to effec-
2 tively enforce the administration of employment
3 and reemployment rights of members of the
4 uniformed services under chapter 43 of title 38,
5 United States Code, during such implementa-
6 tion; and

7 (E) how the transfer of employees will be
8 implemented, including—

9 (i) options available to employees who
10 do not want to be transferred;

11 (ii) the locations of where former De-
12 partment of Labor employees will be as-
13 signed in the Department of Veterans Af-
14 fairs; and

15 (iii) any organizational changes re-
16 quired in the Department of Veterans Af-
17 fairs to accommodate such former Depart-
18 ment of Labor employees.

19 (6) A detailed plan to train employees who
20 carry out activities under section 4104 of title 38,
21 United States Code, to carry out the functions so
22 transferred, including—

23 (A) how training manuals in effect as of
24 the date of the commencement of such study
25 would need to be revised;

1 (B) whether the Secretary of Veterans Af-
2 fairs or the Secretary of Labor would have re-
3 sponsibility for any such revision; and

4 (C) where such employees would be lo-
5 cated.

6 (7) Any other issues the Secretaries consider
7 appropriate.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries shall jointly
10 submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the
11 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on such
12 study, including—

13 (1) the recommendation of each Secretary as to
14 how to best implement the transfer of functions de-
15 scribed in such study;

16 (2) the advantages and disadvantages of such
17 transfer;

18 (3) a list of regulatory and statutory actions re-
19 quired to implement such transfer that are not in-
20 cluded under this Act;

21 (4) the amount of time each Secretary deter-
22 mines necessary to carry out such transfer;

23 (5) whether, to carry out such transfer, any
24 interoperability capabilities will need to be developed
25 to electronically exchange information between the

1 Department of Veterans Affairs and employees who
2 were formerly under the Department of Labor be-
3 fore such transfer;

4 (6) whether each Secretary plans to continue
5 collaborating with the other Secretary after such
6 transfer is completed, including an explanation of
7 any such planned collaboration;

8 (7) an estimate of the training required to carry
9 out the functions so transferred, including the num-
10 ber of employees requiring training and for which
11 programs; and

12 (8) any other matters the Secretaries consider
13 appropriate.