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To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration and to improve employment services for veterans by consolidating various programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____ 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 “Jobs for Veterans Act
5 of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.**

2 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
3 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
4 of an amendment to , or repeal of, a section or other provi-
5 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
6 section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPOR-**
8 **TUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION.**

9 (a) VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND TRAN-
10 SITION ADMINISTRATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part V of title 38, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
13 following new chapter:

14 **“CHAPTER 80—VETERANS ECONOMIC OP-**
15 **PORTUNITY AND TRANSITION ADMIN-**
16 **ISTRATION**

“8001. Organization of Administration.
“8002. Functions of Administration.

17 **“§ 8001. Organization of Administration**

18 “(a) VETERANS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND
19 TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION.—There is in the Depart-
20 ment of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Economic Oppor-
21 tunity and Transition Administration. The primary func-
22 tion of the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-
23 tion Administration is the administration of the programs
24 of the Department that provide assistance related to eco-

1 nomic opportunity to veterans and their dependents and
2 survivors.

3 “(b) UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC OPPOR-
4 TUNITY AND TRANSITION.—The Veterans Economic Op-
5 portunity and Transition Administration is under the
6 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and
7 Transition, who is directly responsible to the Secretary for
8 the operations of the Administration.

9 “(c) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARIES.—The Veterans
10 Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration
11 shall have two Deputy Under Secretaries as follows:

12 “(1) The Deputy Under Secretary for Readjust-
13 ment, who shall be the principal assistant of the
14 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
15 and Transition with respect to the programs speci-
16 fied in paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 8002
17 of this title.

18 “(2) The Deputy Under Secretary for Employ-
19 ment, Training, and Transition, who shall be the
20 principal assistant of the Under Secretary for Vet-
21 erans Economic Opportunity and Transition with re-
22 spect to the programs specified in paragraphs (5)
23 through (9) of section 8002 of this title.

1 **“§ 8002. Functions of Administration**

2 “The Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition
3 Administration is responsible for the administration of the
4 following programs of the Department:

5 “(1) Vocational rehabilitation and employment
6 programs.

7 “(2) Educational assistance programs.

8 “(3) Veterans’ housing loan and related pro-
9 grams.

10 “(4) The verification of small businesses owned
11 and controlled by veterans pursuant to subsection (f)
12 of section 8127 of this title, including the adminis-
13 tration of the database of veteran-owned businesses
14 described in such subsection.

15 “(5) Job counseling, training, and placement
16 services for veterans under chapter 41 of this title.

17 “(6) Employment and training of veterans
18 under chapter 42 of this title.

19 “(7) Administration of employment and employ-
20 ment rights of members of the uniformed services
21 under chapter 43 of this title.

22 “(8) Homeless veterans reintegration programs
23 under chapter 20 of this title.

24 “(9) The Transition Assistance Program under
25 section 1144 of title 10.

1 **SEC. 4. UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS ECONOMIC OP-**
2 **PORTUNITY AND TRANSITION.**

3 (a) UNDER SECRETARY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section
6 306 the following new section:

7 **“§ 306A. Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-**
8 **portunity and Transition**

9 “(a) UNDER SECRETARY.—There is in the Depart-
10 ment an Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-
11 tunity and Transition, who is appointed by the President,
12 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The
13 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and
14 Transition shall be appointed without regard to political
15 affiliation or activity and solely on the basis of dem-
16 onstrated ability in—

17 “(1) information technology; and

18 “(2) the administration of programs within the
19 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Ad-
20 ministration or programs of similar content and
21 scope.

22 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Under Secretary for
23 Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition is the
24 head of, and is directly responsible to the Secretary for
25 the operations of, the Veterans Economic Opportunity and
26 Transition Administration.

1 “(c) VACANCIES.—(1) Whenever a vacancy in the po-
2 sition of Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Oppor-
3 tunity and Transition occurs or is anticipated, the Sec-
4 retary shall establish a commission to recommend individ-
5 uals to the President for appointment to the position.

6 “(2) A commission established under this subsection
7 shall be composed of the following members appointed by
8 the Secretary:

9 “(A) Three persons representing education and
10 training, vocational rehabilitation, employment, real
11 estate, mortgage finance and related industries, and
12 survivor benefits activities affected by the Veterans
13 Economic Opportunity and Transition Administra-
14 tion.

15 “(B) Two persons representing veterans served
16 by the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-
17 tion Administration.

18 “(C) Two persons who have experience in the
19 management of private sector benefits programs of
20 similar content and scope to the economic oppor-
21 tunity and transition programs of the Department.

22 “(D) The Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

23 “(E) The chairman of the Veterans’ Advisory
24 Committee on Education formed under section 3692
25 of this title.

1 “(F) One person who has held the position of
2 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
3 and Transition, if the Secretary determines that it
4 is desirable for such person to be a member of the
5 commission.

6 “(3) A commission established under this subsection
7 shall recommend at least three individuals for appoint-
8 ment to the position of Under Secretary for Veterans Eco-
9 nomic Opportunity and Transition. The commission shall
10 submit all recommendations to the Secretary. The Sec-
11 retary shall forward the recommendations to the President
12 and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate
13 and House of Representatives with any comments the Sec-
14 retary considers appropriate. Thereafter, the President
15 may request the commission to recommend additional in-
16 dividuals for appointment.

17 “(4) The Assistant Secretary or Deputy Assistant
18 Secretary of Veterans Affairs who performs personnel
19 management and labor relations functions shall serve as
20 the executive secretary of a commission established under
21 this subsection.

22 “(d) QUALIFICATIONS OF RECOMMENDED INDIVID-
23 UALS.—Each individual recommended to the President by
24 the commission for appointment to the position of Under
25 Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transi-

1 tion shall be an individual who has held a senior level posi-
2 tion in the private sector with responsibilities relating to
3 at least one of the following:

4 “(1) Education policy.

5 “(2) Vocational rehabilitation.

6 “(3) Employment.

7 “(4) Job placement.

8 “(5) Home loan finance.

9 “(6) Small business development.”.

10 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
11 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
12 by inserting after the item relating to section 306
13 the following new item:

“306A. Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 38, United
15 States Code, is further amended—

16 (1) in section 306(c)(2), by striking subpara-
17 graphs (A) and (E) and redesignating subpara-
18 graphs (B), (C), (D), and (F), as subparagraphs (A)
19 through (D), respectively;

20 (2) in section 317(d), by inserting after “Under
21 Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the Under
22 Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and
23 Transition,”;

24 (3) in section 318(d)(2), by inserting after
25 “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the

1 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
2 and Transition,”;

3 (4) in section 516(e)(2)(C), by striking “Health
4 and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and inserting
5 “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, and the
6 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
7 and Transition”;

8 (5) in section 541(a)(2)(B), by striking “Health
9 and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and inserting
10 “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits, and the
11 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
12 and Transition”;

13 (6) in section 542(a)(2)(B)(iii), by striking
14 “Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and
15 inserting “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits,
16 and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-
17 portunity and Transition”;

18 (7) in section 544(a)(2)(B)(vi), by striking
19 “Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits” and
20 inserting “Health, the Under Secretary for Benefits,
21 and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Op-
22 portunity and Transition”;

23 (8) in section 709(c)(2)(A), by inserting after
24 “Under Secretary for Benefits,” the following: “the

1 Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity
2 and Transition,”.

3 (9) in section 7701(a), by inserting after “as-
4 sistance” the following: “, other than assistance re-
5 lated to Economic Opportunity and Transition,”;
6 and

7 (10) in section 7703, by striking paragraphs (2)
8 and (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
9 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 306A of title 38,
11 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), and the
12 amendments made by this section, shall take effect on Oc-
13 tober 1, 2016.

14 **SEC. 5. TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR VETERANS**
15 **PROGRAMS TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
16 **AFFAIRS.**

17 (a) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective October 1, 2016,
19 there shall be transferred to the Secretary of Vet-
20 erans Affairs all functions performed under the fol-
21 lowing programs of the Department of Labor, and
22 all personnel, assets, and liabilities pertaining to
23 such programs, immediately before such transfer oc-
24 curs:

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

4 (B) Employment and training of veterans
5 under chapter 42 of such title.

6 (C) Administration of employment and em-
7 ployment rights of members of the uniformed
8 services under chapter 43 of such title.

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

11 (2) ORGANIZATION.—The programs, and the
12 personnel, assets, and liabilities pertaining to such
13 programs, transferred to the Secretary under para-
14 graph (1) shall be administered as part of the Vet-
15 erans Economic Opportunity and Transition Admin-
16 istration established by section 8001 of title 38,
17 United States Code, as added by section 3.

18 (b) BUDGET REQUEST.—Under section 1105 of title
19 31, United States Code, the President shall include in the
20 President's budget request for the Department of Vet-
21 erans Affairs for fiscal year 2017, and for each subsequent
22 fiscal year, funding requested for the functions referred
23 to in subsection (a)(1).

24 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any other Fed-
25 eral law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation

1 of authority, or any document of or pertaining to a depart-
2 ment or office from which a function is transferred by this
3 section—

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

7 (2) to such department or office is deemed to
8 refer to the department or office to which such func-
9 tion is transferred.

10 (d) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.—Except as other-
11 wise provided by law, a Federal official to whom a function
12 is transferred by this section may, for purposes of per-
13 forming the function, exercise all authorities under any
14 other provision of law that were available with respect to
15 the performance of that function to the official responsible
16 for the performance of the function immediately before the
17 effective date of the transfer of the function under this
18 section.

19 (e) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

20 (1) LEGAL DOCUMENTS.—All orders, deter-
21 minations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans,
22 contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and
23 privileges—

24 (A) that have been issued, made, granted,
25 or allowed to become effective by the President,

1 the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Vet-
2 erans Affairs, any officer or employee of any of-
3 fice transferred by this section, or any other
4 Government official, or by a court of competent
5 jurisdiction, in the performance of any function
6 that is transferred by this section, and

7 (B) that are in effect on the effective date
8 of such transfer (or become effective after such
9 date pursuant to their terms as in effect on
10 such effective date),

11 shall continue in effect according to their terms until
12 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or re-
13 voked in accordance with law by the President, any
14 other authorized official, a court of competent juris-
15 diction, or operation of law.

16 (2) PROCEEDINGS.—This section shall not af-
17 fect any proceedings or any application for any bene-
18 fits, service, license, permit, certificate, or financial
19 assistance pending on the date of the enactment of
20 this section before an office transferred by this sec-
21 tion, but such proceedings and applications shall be
22 continued. Orders shall be issued in such pro-
23 ceedings, appeals shall be taken therefrom, and pay-
24 ments shall be made pursuant to such orders, as if
25 this section had not been enacted, and orders issued

1 in any such proceeding shall continue in effect until
2 modified, terminated, superseded, or revoked by a
3 duly authorized official, by a court of competent ju-
4 risdiction, or by operation of law. Nothing in this
5 subsection shall be considered to prohibit the dis-
6 continuance or modification of any such proceeding
7 under the same terms and conditions and to the
8 same extent that such proceeding could have been
9 discontinued or modified if this section had not been
10 enacted.

11 (3) SUITS.—This section shall not affect suits
12 commenced before the date of the enactment of this
13 section, and in all such suits, proceeding shall be
14 had, appeals taken, and judgments rendered in the
15 same manner and with the same effect as if this sec-
16 tion had not been enacted.

17 (4) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, ac-
18 tion, or other proceeding commenced by or against
19 the Department of Labor or the Secretary of Labor,
20 or by or against any individual in the official capac-
21 ity of such individual as an officer or employee of an
22 office transferred by this section, shall abate by rea-
23 son of the enactment of this section.

24 (5) CONTINUANCE OF SUITS.—If any Govern-
25 ment officer in the official capacity of such officer

1 is party to a suit with respect to a function of the
2 officer, and under this section such function is
3 transferred to any other officer or office, then such
4 suit shall be continued with the other officer or the
5 head of such other office, as applicable, substituted
6 or added as a party.

7 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDI-
8 CIAL REVIEW.—Except as otherwise provided by this
9 section, any statutory requirements relating to no-
10 tice, hearings, action upon the record, or administra-
11 tive or judicial review that apply to any function
12 transferred by this section shall apply to the exercise
13 of such function by the head of the Federal agency,
14 and other officers of the agency, to which such func-
15 tion is transferred by this section.

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

1 (g) DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT.—Except as oth-
2 erwise expressly prohibited by law or otherwise provided
3 in this section, an official to whom functions are trans-
4 ferred under this section (including the head of any office
5 to which functions are transferred under this section) may
6 delegate any of the functions so transferred to such offi-
7 cers and employees of the office of the official as the offi-
8 cial may designate, and may authorize successive redelega-
9 tions of such functions as may be necessary or appro-
10 priate. No delegation of functions under this section or
11 under any other provision of this section shall relieve the
12 official to whom a function is transferred under this sec-
13 tion of responsibility for the administration of the func-
14 tion.

15 (h) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
16 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO FUNC-
17 TIONS TRANSFERRED.—

18 (1) DETERMINATIONS.—If necessary, the Di-
19 rector of Management and Budget shall make any
20 determination of the functions that are transferred
21 under this section.

22 (2) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—The Director, at
23 such time or times as the Director shall provide,
24 may make such determinations as may be necessary
25 with regard to the functions transferred by this sec-

1 tion, and to make such additional incidental disposi-
2 tions of personnel, assets, liabilities, grants, con-
3 tracts, property, records, and unexpended balances
4 of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and
5 other funds held, used, arising from, available to, or
6 to be made available in connection with such func-
7 tions, as may be necessary to carry out the provi-
8 sions of this section. The Director shall provide for
9 the termination of the affairs of all entities termi-
10 nated by this section and for such further measures
11 and dispositions as may be necessary to effectuate
12 the purposes of this section.

13 (i) CERTAIN VESTING OF FUNCTIONS CONSIDERED
14 TRANSFERS.—For purposes of this section, the vesting of
15 a function in a department or office pursuant to reestab-
16 lishment of an office shall be considered to be the transfer
17 of the function.

18 (j) AVAILABILITY OF EXISTING FUNDS.—Existing
19 appropriations and funds available for the performance of
20 functions, programs, and activities terminated pursuant to
21 this section shall remain available, for the duration of
22 their period of availability, for necessary expenses in con-
23 nection with the termination and resolution of such func-
24 tions, programs, and activities.

1 (k) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later
2 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of
4 Labor shall—

5 (1) enter into a memorandum of understanding
6 to carry out this section, which shall include—

7 (A) a description of how the Department
8 of Veterans Affairs will coordinate with the
9 Employment and Training Agency at the De-
10 partment of Labor to ensure coordination and
11 avoid duplication among activities authorized
12 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
13 (Public Law 113–128) and the activities re-
14 ferred to in paragraph (1)(A) through (D); and

15 (B) a description of how the Department
16 of Veterans Affairs will share the performance
17 accountability measures required under sub-
18 section (l)(1) with the Employment and Train-
19 ing Agency of the Department of Labor; and

20 (2) jointly submit to the Committees on Vet-
21 erans' Affairs and the Committee on Education and
22 the Workforce of the House of Representatives and
23 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Com-
24 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
25 of the Senate a copy of such memorandum.

1 (l) COORDINATION WITH REQUIREMENTS UNDER
2 WIOA.—

3 (1) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.—The
4 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish per-
5 formance accountability measures for the activities
6 carried out pursuant to the programs referred to in
7 paragraph (1)(A) through (D), which shall meet or
8 exceed the requirements of section 116(b) of the
9 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public
10 Law 113–128; 29 U.S.C. 3141).

11 (2) STATE PLANS.—The Secretary shall ensure
12 that each State develops and submits to the Sec-
13 retary a combined State plan that meets or exceeds
14 the requirements under section 103 of the Workforce
15 Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113–
16 128; 29 U.S.C. 3113) for activities authorized under
17 chapter 41 of title 38, United States Code.

18 (m) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

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

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

1 **SEC. 6. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT, TRAIN-**
3 **ING, AND TRANSITION.**

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

7 “(a) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’
8 EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND TRANSITION.—(1) The
9 Deputy Under Secretary for Employment, Training, and
10 Transition established by subsection (c)(2) of section 8001
11 of this title shall formulate and implement all depart-
12 mental policies and procedures to carry out this chapter
13 and the other programs described in such subsection.

14 “(2) The employees of the Department administering
15 chapter 43 of this title shall be administratively and func-
16 tionally responsible to the Deputy Under Secretary for
17 Employment, Training, and Transition.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 41 of title
19 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

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

1 **“§ 4102A. Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Em-**
2 **ployment, Training, 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’ Employment and Training; pro-
gram functions; Regional Administrators.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2016.

10 **SEC. 7. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING**
11 **AMENDMENTS.**

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

15 (1) By striking “Assistant Secretary of Labor
16 for Veterans’ Employment and Training” each place
17 it appears and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary
18 for Employment, Training, and Transition”.

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

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

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

24 (5) In section 4102A(b)—

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

4 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and
5 consulting with the Secretary of Veterans Af-
6 fairs”.

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

10 (7) By striking section 4108.

11 (8) In the table of sections at the beginning of
12 such chapter, by striking the item relating to section
13 4108.

14 (9) In section 4110(d), by striking paragraph
15 (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) as
16 paragraphs (1) through (5), respectively.

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

21 (11) In subsections (b) through (h) of section
22 4114, by striking “Assistant Secretary” each place
23 it appears and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary
24 for Employment, Training, and Transition”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (3) In section 2021—

1 (A) in subsection (c)—

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

4 “(c) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH DEPUTY UNDER
5 SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING,
6 AND TRANSITION.—”; and

7 (ii) by striking “Assistant Secretary
8 of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and
9 Training” and inserting “Deputy Under
10 Secretary for Employment, Training, and
11 Transition”; and

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

14 (4) In section 2021A—

15 (A) in subsection (d)—

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

18 “(d) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH DEPUTY UNDER
19 SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING,
20 AND TRANSITION.—”; and

21 (ii) by striking “Assistant Secretary
22 of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and
23 Training” and inserting “Deputy Under
24 Secretary for Employment, Training, and
25 Transition”; and

1 (B) by striking “Secretary of Labor” each
2 place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

3 (5) In section 2023—

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

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

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

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

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

19 (1) In section 542(a)(2)(B), by striking clause
20 (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as clauses
21 (i) and (ii), respectively.

22 (2) In section 544(a)(2)(B), by striking clause
23 (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) through (vi) as
24 clauses (i) through (v), respectively.

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

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

7 (5) In section 3121(a)(3), by striking “the As-
8 sistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employ-
9 ment and Training of the Department of Labor”
10 and inserting “the Under Secretary for Veterans
11 Economic Opportunity and Transition”.

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

16 (7) In section 6306—

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

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

24 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2016.

1 **SEC. 8. USE OF FEDERAL DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES.**

2 Section 453A(h) of the Social Security Act (42
3 U.S.C. 653a(h)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(4) SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—The
6 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall have access to in-
7 formation reported by employers pursuant to sub-
8 section (b) of this section.”.