



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
**VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
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**H.R. 4451: The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act  
of 2017**

**Background:**

The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development have been authorized to run a joint program called HUD-VASH to provide HUD housing vouchers and VA supportive services to help homeless veterans sustain permanent housing. In 2013, the Department of Labor's General Counsel determined that veterans who utilize a HUD-VASH voucher are not considered "homeless" because they are in housing. As a result, these veterans have been unable to receive job training and placement assistance under DoL's Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP). This program provides funding to homeless veteran providers that offer skill and job training to homeless veterans.

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Improvement Act would clarify that eligible veterans who are homeless and participating in the HUD-VASH voucher program, those who are transitioning from being incarcerated, and other eligible homeless or recently homeless veterans are still eligible for training services under services HVRP. This bill also includes language that would reauthorize HVRP and the Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program through Fiscal Year 2022.

**The Message:**

- The HUD-VASH program helps veterans experiencing homelessness get back on their feet by providing them with housing.
- Veterans in the HUD-VASH program are currently being denied access to VA's Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program because they have housing through HUD-VASH program.
- Job training and placement are an important part of a homeless veteran's transition back into mainstream society.
- Veterans in government housing should not be prohibited from utilizing services that could help them find permanent employment.
- This legislation would clarify that veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program are eligible for the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program.