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H. R. 3340

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to provide veterans with apprenticeships and career advice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Mr. BILBRAY (for himself and Mr. BARROW) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Help Inspire and Re-
5 train our Exceptional Veterans Act of 2011” or the
6 “HIRE Veterans Act of 2011”.

7 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE VETERANS WITH AP-**
8 **PRENTICESHIPS AND CAREER ADVICE.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
10 appropriations provided for such purpose, the Secretary

1 of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Vet-
2 erans Affairs, shall establish a program to award grants
3 to local Chambers of Commerce to provide veterans with
4 apprenticeships and career advice.

5 (b) USE OF GRANT.—A local Chamber of Commerce
6 may use a grant awarded under this section to establish
7 a veterans apprenticeship program that provides veterans
8 (particularly those who served in Operation Enduring
9 Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New
10 Dawn) with—

- 11 (1) training with respect to writing a résumé;
- 12 (2) career advice; and
- 13 (3) opportunities to pursue apprenticeships with
14 businesses participating in the program.

15 (c) NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

16 (1) NUMBER.—The Secretary may not award
17 more than one grant to a local Chamber of Com-
18 merce during each five-year period in which the
19 grant program established under subsection (a) is
20 carried out.

21 (2) AMOUNT.—A grant awarded under this sec-
22 tion shall be an amount that is not less than
23 \$10,000 and not more than \$20,000.

24 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under
25 this section, a local Chamber of Commerce shall submit

1 to the Secretary an application at such time, in such man-
2 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
3 require.

4 (e) TERMINATION.—The grant program established
5 under subsection (a) shall terminate on September 30,
6 2022.

7 (f) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 31 of
8 each year following a year in which a grant is awarded
9 under this section, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
10 a report on the grant program, including—

11 (1) a list of each grant awarded in the year cov-
12 ered by the report, including the amount of the
13 grant and the local Chamber of Commerce awarded
14 the grant; and

15 (2) the number of veterans who participated in
16 a program described in subsection (b) who became
17 employed during such year, including whether such
18 employment is considered permanent or temporary.

19 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
21 out this section a total of \$10,000,000.

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