

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7097

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to conduct outreach and provide assistance to institutions of higher education to support training and internships for members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL (for herself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. CROW, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. TOKUDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “College Opportunities
5 for Servicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR TRANSITIONING**
2 **MEMBERS THROUGH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGH-**
3 **ER EDUCATION.**

4 (a) SKILLBRIDGE.—The Secretary of Defense may
5 conduct outreach to institutions of higher education in
6 order to enter into more agreements with such institutions
7 that may provide training or internships to members of
8 the Armed Forces pursuant to the Skillbridge program es-
9 tablished under section 1143(e) of title 10, United States
10 Code.

11 (b) CENTERS FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS EDU-
12 CATION.—The Secretary of Defense may conduct outreach
13 and provide assistance to institutions of higher education
14 to support the creation of centers at such institutions
15 through which members of the Armed Forces eligible for
16 Skillbridge and veterans may receive job training.

17 (c) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION DE-
18 FINED.—In this section, the term “institution of higher
19 education” means an institution described in section
20 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
21 1001(a)).

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