

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 728

To direct the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training to carry out a pilot program on short-term fellowship programs for veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Mr. MOOLENAAR (for himself, Mr. GAETZ, and Mr. BACON) 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. PILOT PROGRAM ON SHORT-TERM FELLOW-**
4 **SHIP PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Assistant Secretary of Labor
6 for Veterans' Employment and Training shall carry out
7 a pilot program under which a State may use a grant or
8 contract under section 4102A(b)(5) of title 38, United
9 States Code, to carry out a short-term fellowship program.

1 (b) LOCATIONS; AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall
2 select at least three, but not more than five, States to
3 carry out a short-term fellowship program pursuant to
4 subsection (a). Each such State shall enter into an agree-
5 ment with a non-profit organization to carry out such pro-
6 gram.

7 (c) SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Each
8 short-term fellowship program carried out by a State pur-
9 suant to subsection (a) shall—

10 (1) consist of veterans participating as fellows
11 with an employer for a period not exceeding 20
12 weeks;

13 (2) provide to such veterans a monthly stipend
14 during such period; and

15 (3) provide to such veterans an opportunity to
16 be employed on a long-term basis with the employer
17 following such period.

18 (d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
19 than four years after the date on which the pilot program
20 commences under this section, the Comptroller General of
21 the United States shall submit to the Committees on Vet-
22 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
23 Senate a report on the pilot program.

24 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
25 tion to funds made available under section 4102A(b)(5)

1 of title 38, United States Code, there is authorized to be
2 appropriated to the Assistant Secretary to carry out the
3 pilot program under this section \$10,000,000 for each of
4 fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

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