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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1910

By: Representative Tucker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ASSIST A SERVICE MEMBER IN FINDING CIVILIAN
EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ASSIST A SERVICE MEMBER IN FINDING
CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent – Military transition assistance program.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) A large majority of military veterans describe transitioning to civilian employment as the most difficult challenge in making the transition back to civilian life;

(2) Veterans face several obstacles that can often be overlooked by employers and unaccounted for by transitional programs;

(3) Within the past six (6) years, the United States Government and all fifty (50) states have increased efforts to improve the employment situation for returning veterans;

(4) In addition to the federal transition goals, plans and success program required under 10 U.S.C. § 1144, many states are creating programs to ensure that veterans receive the resources and information they need to make a smooth transition from military to civilian life and help prevent veteran homelessness; and

(5) There is an economic importance and community value of facilitating military veterans into civilian employment and of establishing a



military transition assistance program to ensure the future well-being and health of Arkansas's service members and veterans.

(b) As used in this section, "military occupational specialty" means a job or career field in which a military member has performed or received specialized job related training while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

(c) The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Workforce Services are encouraged to study the need for and the resources available to establish an online central repository that provides service members and veterans with information to assist in finding civilian employment, including without limitation:

(1) Information on civilian credentialing opportunities for every stage of training for a military occupational specialty;

(2) Information on civilian occupational equivalents of a military occupational specialty, including without limitation:

(A) Required skills and education prerequisites;

(B) Salary information; and

(C) Available job listings; and

(3) Information on opportunities to use educational military benefits available to service members and veterans which through corresponding training or continuing education leads to a certification exam and further credentialing opportunities.

(d) For the purpose of educating civilian workforce employers, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Workforce Services are encouraged to study the need for and the resources available to provide information concerning military occupational services to state agencies and other agencies, including without limitation:

(A) Military course training curricula;

(B) Professional skills developed; and

(C) Civilian occupational equivalents of a military occupational specialty.

/s/Tucker

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