

H.R. 1168, as amended Veterans Retraining Act of 2009

Title: To amend chapter 42 of title 38, United States Code, to provide certain veterans with employment training assistance.

Mr. Boozman of Arkansas introduced H.R. 1168 on February 25, 2009.

H.R. 1168, as amended, would:

1. Authorize the Department of Labor to pay a monthly training assistance allowance for each month a veteran is enrolled in an employment training program that teaches a skill in demand;
2. Provide a monthly housing allowance equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to a military E-5 with dependents, in the same zip code the veteran resides;
3. Provide an eligible veteran with training assistance for no more than six months every 10 years;
4. Provide a moving stipend of up to \$5,000 for moving expenses directly related to receipt of training;
5. Require veterans to be unemployed for no less than four months, successfully complete the program, and be ineligible for other education or training assistance to participate in this program; and
6. Appropriate \$100,000,000 for each fiscal year.

Effective Date: The effective date will be on or after the first day of fiscal year 2011.

Cost: CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1168, as amended, will cost \$350 million over five years subject to appropriations.

Legislative History:

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| May 21, 2009: | Legislative hearing held by the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. |
| Oct. 8, 2009: | Ordered reported, amended, by the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. |
| Oct. 28, 2009: | Ordered reported, amended, by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |
| Nov. 2, 2009: | Reported, as amended, H. Rept. 111-323. |
| Nov. 2, 2009: | Passed the House by the Yeas and Nays: 356-0 (Roll No. 832) |