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To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish performance measures regarding the Credentialing Opportunities On-Line programs of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. STEWART, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Preparing Servicemem-
5 bers for Success Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In October, 2016, the Comptroller General
2 of the United States released a report detailing ef-
3 forts of the Department of Defense to establish pro-
4 grams to assist members of the Armed Forces in ob-
5 taining information on professional credentials re-
6 lated to their military occupational specialties so the
7 members may find employment after separating
8 from the Armed Forces.

9 (2) In such report, the Comptroller General
10 found that the Department of Defense failed to de-
11 velop performance measures to gauge the effective-
12 ness of such programs.

13 (3) The Secretary of Defense did not concur
14 with the recommendation of the Comptroller General
15 to develop and implement performance measures for
16 the programs.

17 (4) Since the release of such report, the Sec-
18 retary has sought to improve opportunities for mem-
19 bers of the Armed Forces to obtain professional cre-
20 dentials by establishing performance goals, such as
21 the integration of relevant policy of the Department
22 of Defense into the career investment portfolio con-
23 cept, and the implementation and integration of cer-
24 tain programs into the Service Member Outcomes
25 Portal.

1 (5) Due to the lack of performance measures,
2 entities interested in the success of members of the
3 Armed Forces who separate from the Armed Forces,
4 including veteran service organizations, potential em-
5 ployers, education officials, and Members of Con-
6 gress, are unable to accurately gauge the success of
7 the Credentialing Opportunities On-Line programs
8 (hereinafter, “COOL programs”) of each Armed
9 Force.

10 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES**
11 **FOR THE CREDENTIALING OPPORTUNITIES**
12 **ON-LINE PROGRAMS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall establish additional performance measures to evalu-
16 ate the effectiveness of the COOL programs of each
17 Armed Force in connecting members of the Armed Forces
18 with professional credential programs. Such measures
19 shall include the following:

20 (1) The percentage of members of the Armed
21 Force concerned described in section 1142(a) of title
22 10, United States Code, who participate in a profes-
23 sional credential program through the COOL pro-
24 gram of the Armed Force concerned.

1 (2) The percentage of members of the Armed
2 Force concerned described in paragraph (1) who
3 have completed a professional credential program de-
4 scribed in that paragraph.

5 (3) The percentage of members of the Armed
6 Force concerned described in paragraphs (1) and (2)
7 who are employed not later than one year after sepa-
8 ration or release from the Armed Forces.

9 (b) COORDINATION.—To carry out this section, the
10 Secretary of Defense may coordinate with the Secretaries
11 of Veterans Affairs and Labor.

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