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To require the Secretary of Labor to award grants to organizations for the provision of transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces who are separated, retired, or discharged from the Armed Forces, and spouses of such members, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2018

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. GRANTS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSITION AS-**
2 **SISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES AFTER SEPARATION, RETIREMENT,**
4 **OR DISCHARGE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall, in
6 coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, award
7 grants to eligible organizations for the provision of transi-
8 tion assistance to members of the Armed Forces who are
9 separated, retired, or discharged from the Armed Forces,
10 and spouses of such members.

11 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant under
12 this section shall use the grant to coordinate for members
13 of the Armed Forces and spouses described in subsection
14 (a) the following:

15 (1) Job recruitment training, including résumé
16 assistance and interview training.

17 (2) Behavioral health services.

18 (3) Financial services.

19 (4) Legal assistance.

20 (5) Educational supportive services.

21 (6) Assistance with accessing benefits provided
22 under laws administered by the Secretary of Vet-
23 erans Affairs.

24 (7) Non-clinical case management.

25 (8) Entrepreneurship training.

1 (9) Such other services that may be related to
2 the assistance and services set forth in this sub-
3 section as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs deter-
4 mines may lead directly to successful transition to
5 civilian life.

6 (c) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—To be eligible for a
7 grant under this section, an organization shall submit to
8 the Secretary an application containing such information
9 and assurances as the Secretary, in consultation with the
10 Secretary of Labor, may require.

11 (d) PRIORITY FOR HUBS OF SERVICES.—In awarding
12 grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority
13 to an organization that provides multiple forms of services
14 described in subsection (b).

15 (e) INCLUSION IN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PRO-
16 GRAM COUNSELING.—The Secretary of the military de-
17 partment concerned shall include in the information pro-
18 vided to a member of the Armed Forces during Transition
19 Assistance Program information regarding any recipient
20 of a grant under this section that is located in the commu-
21 nity in which that member will reside after separation, re-
22 tirement, or discharge from the Armed Forces.

23 (f) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—A grant under this section
24 shall be in an amount that does not exceed 50 percent

1 of the amount required by the organization to provide the
 2 services described in subsection (b).

3 (g) DEADLINE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 4 shall commence the awarding of grants under this section
 5 not later than six months after the date of the enactment
 6 of this Act.

7 (h) TERMINATION.—The authority to provide a grant
 8 under this section shall terminate on the date that is five
 9 years after the date on which the Secretary commences
 10 the awarding of grants under this section.

11 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 12 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out
 13 this section.

14 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
 16 retary concerned” has the meaning given such term
 17 in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.

18 (2) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The
 19 term “Transition Assistance Program” means the
 20 Transition Assistance Program under sections 1142
 21 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

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