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As Engrossed: H3/21/17
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1910

5 By: Representative Tucker
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO ASSIST A SERVICE MEMBER IN FINDING
14 CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent – Military*
20 *transition assistance program.*

21 *(a) The General Assembly finds that:*

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

16 (A) Required skills and education prerequisites;

17 (B) Salary information; and

18 (C) Available job listings; and

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

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

28 (A) Military course training curricula;

29 (B) Professional skills developed; and

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

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33 /s/Tucker

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35 APPROVED: 04/05/2017