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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1910

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5 By: Representative Tucker

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

12 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. Legislative findings and intent.

20 The General Assembly finds that:

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

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

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

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

34 (5) There is an economic importance and community value of  
35 facilitating military veterans into civilian employment and of establishing a  
36 military transition assistance program to ensure the future well-being and



1 health of Arkansas's service members and veterans.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended  
4 to add an additional section to read as follows:

5 17-1-108. Military transition assistance program.

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

10 (b) The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Workforce  
11 Services shall establish an online central repository that provides service  
12 members and veterans with information to assist in finding civilian  
13 employment, including without limitation:

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

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

18 (A) Required skills and education prerequisites;

19 (B) Salary information; and

20 (C) Available job listings; and

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

25 (c)(1) For the purpose of educating civilian workforce employers, the  
26 Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Workforce Services shall  
27 make available to state agencies and other entities information concerning  
28 military occupational specialties, including without limitation:

29 (A) Military course training curricula;

30 (B) Professional skills developed; and

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

33 (2) The information made available to state agencies and other  
34 entities under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be consistent with  
35 national security and privacy requirements.

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