



Veterans Border Patrol Training Act

Background: Every year, there are approximately 200,000 service members that transition from military service back to civilian life. There is no doubt that this is a difficult and stressful time for our service members. The United States has done a great job through different programs to help ensure the transition is as seamless as possible. However, we cannot stop there. We need to continuously evolve our approach and find new ways to make service members transition to civilian life a seamless process.

How it Works: This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to collaborate with the Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans Affairs to establish an interdepartmental pilot program for five years. Under the program, DHS must use the DOD SkillBridge Program to train and hire transitioning servicemembers as border patrol agents for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

No later than one year after the pilot program is established and annually thereafter, a report must be published to congress containing the following information:

- Number of participants in the pilot program
- Number of eligible participants who applied to the program
- Number of participants who are:
 - Members of the Armed Forces
 - Reserve Members of the Armed Forces
 - Commissioned Officers or non-Commissioned Officers
 - Enlisted Members of the Armed Forces
 - Veterans
 - Spouses of such members of the Armed Forces or Veterans
 - Dependents of such members of the Armed Forces