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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOOZMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF DEPARTMENT OF**  
4                               **VETERANS AFFAIRS VOCATIONAL REHABILI-**  
5                               **TATION PROGRAMS.**

6       (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Chapter 31 of title 38,  
7       United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
8       following new section:

1 **“§ 3122. Longitudinal study of vocational rehabilita-**  
2 **tion programs**

3 “(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall con-  
4 duct a longitudinal study of a statistically valid sample  
5 of the veterans who begin participating in a vocational re-  
6 habilitation program under this chapter during fiscal year  
7 2008. The Secretary shall conduct such study over a pe-  
8 riod of at least 20 years.

9 “(b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—By not later than July 1  
10 of each year covered by the study required under sub-  
11 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
12 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-  
13 resentatives a report on the study during the preceding  
14 year.

15 “(c) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The Secretary shall  
16 include in the report required under subsection (b) any  
17 data the Secretary determines is necessary to determine  
18 the long-term outcomes of the veterans participating in  
19 the vocational rehabilitation programs under this chapter.  
20 The Secretary may add data elements from time to time  
21 as necessary. Each such report shall contain the following  
22 information:

23 “(1) The number of veterans participating in  
24 vocational rehabilitation programs under this chap-  
25 ter who suspended participation in such a program  
26 during the year covered by the report.

1           “(2) The average number of months such vet-  
2           erans served on active duty.

3           “(3) The average disability rating of such vet-  
4           erans.

5           “(4) The types of other benefits administered  
6           by the Secretary received by such veterans.

7           “(5) The types of social security benefits re-  
8           ceived by such veterans.

9           “(6) Any unemployment benefits received by  
10          such veterans.

11          “(7) The average number of months such vet-  
12          erans were employed during the year covered by the  
13          report.

14          “(8) The average annual starting and ending  
15          salaries such veterans who were employed during the  
16          year covered by the report.

17          “(9) The number of such veterans enrolled in  
18          an institution of higher learning, as that term is de-  
19          fined in section 3452(f) of this title.

20          “(10) The average number of college credits  
21          and degrees obtained by such veterans during the  
22          year covered by the report.

23          “(11) The average number of visits such vet-  
24          erans made to Department medical facilities during  
25          the year covered by the report.

1           “(12) The average number of visits such vet-  
2           erans made to non-Department medical facilities  
3           during the year covered by the report.

4           “(13) The average total household income of  
5           such veterans for the year covered by the report.

6           “(14) The percentage of such veterans who own  
7           their principal residences.

8           “(15) The average number of dependents of  
9           each such veteran.”.

10          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
11          at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
12          at the end the following new item:

“3122. Longitudinal study of vocational rehabilitation programs.”.

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