

H.R. 7369, Veteran Eligibility for Necessities to Undertake Rewarding Entrepreneurship Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on April 6, 2022.

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	0
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides vocational services to veterans with service-connected disabilities that limit their ability to find employment. The costs of those services are paid from mandatory appropriations.

Under current law, veterans with the most severe service-connected disabilities, as determined by VA, may be eligible for training and assistance to become self-employed. VA provides management training, license fees, equipment, supplies, materials, and other vocational services to such veterans if VA determines that they have viable business plans.

H.R. 7369 would expand the eligibility for that self-employment assistance to all eligible veterans with service-connected disabilities, not just those with the most severe disabilities. CBO expects that few additional trainees would receive self-employment assistance because VA already assigns trainees to the most appropriate track to meet their employment goals. On the basis of data from VA, CBO estimates that the cost for self-employment assistance is roughly the same as other rehabilitation and vocational assistance; thus, enacting the bill would not significantly affect direct spending over the 2022-2032 period.



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