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S. 1215

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and improve certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. MODIFICATION OF RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT**
4 **OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ADMIN-**
5 **ISTERING VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS.**

6 Section 3674(a)(4) of title 38, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “\$13,000,000” and all that follows
8 through “fiscal year 2007.”

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROJECT ON TRAINING ON**
2 **THE JOB FOR CLAIMS ADJUDICATORS.**

3 (a) **EXTENSION.**—Section 3677(d) of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(3) The authority to carry out the pilot project shall
7 expire on October 1, 2008.”.

8 (b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—Paragraph (1) of
9 such section is amended by striking “pilot program” and
10 inserting “pilot project”.

11 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR DIREC-**
12 **TORS FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT AND**
13 **TRAINING.**

14 Section 4103(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
15 is amended—

16 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(2)”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 paragraph:

19 “(B) The Secretary may waive the requirement in
20 subparagraph (A) with respect to a Director for Veterans’
21 Employment and Training if the Secretary determines
22 that the waiver is in the public interest. Any such waiver
23 shall be made on a case-by-case basis.”.

1 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT**
2 **STUDY TO COVER VETERANS OF GLOBAL**
3 **WAR ON TERROR.**

4 Section 4110A(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

7 (A) by striking “Vietnam era” and insert-
8 ing “Global War on Terror”; and

9 (B) by striking “the Vietnam theater of
10 operations during the Vietnam era” and insert-
11 ing “Operation Enduring Freedom or Oper-
12 ation Iraqi Freedom”;

13 (2) in subparagraph (C)—

14 (A) by striking “Vietnam era” and insert-
15 ing “Global War on Terror”; and

16 (B) by striking “the Vietnam theater of
17 operations” and inserting “Operation Enduring
18 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom”; and

19 (3) in subparagraph (D), by striking “Vietnam
20 era” and inserting “Global War on Terror”.

21 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF INCREASE IN BENEFIT FOR INDIVID-**
22 **UALS PURSUING APPRENTICESHIP OR ON-**
23 **JOB TRAINING.**

24 Section 103 of the Veterans Benefits Improvement
25 Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–454; 118 Stat. 3600) is

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- 1 amended by striking “2008” each place it appears and
- 2 inserting “2010”.

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