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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Emerging
5 Tech Opportunities for Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRITICAL STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS FOR**
2 **EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.**

3 (a) **PARTNERSHIPS REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of
4 Veterans Affairs, in partnership with critical stakeholders,
5 shall—

6 (1) identify specific types of industries and po-
7 sitions that, as a result of emerging technologies, are
8 likely to have high employment and growth potential
9 for individuals with appropriate education, training,
10 or skills; and

11 (2) identify courses of education that help vet-
12 erans acquire the appropriate education, training, or
13 skills to become employed in such industries and po-
14 sitions.

15 (b) **PROMINENT DISSEMINATION.**—The Secretary
16 shall ensure that such emerging technologies, and such
17 courses of education, industries, and positions, are promi-
18 nently included in the Transition Assistance Program
19 under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States
20 Code, and prominently displayed on the Internet website
21 of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

22 (c) **EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROCESS.**—Not later
23 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
24 the Secretary shall establish an expedited process for the
25 approval, as provided in chapters 34, 35, and 36 of title

1 38 United States Code, of courses of education identified
2 under subsection (a)(2).

3 (d) DETERMINATION OF EMERGING TECH-
4 NOLOGIES.—The Secretary shall, in consultation with the
5 Secretary of Labor, determine which technologies of crit-
6 ical importance, such as artificial intelligence and semicon-
7 ductor manufacturing, shall be treated as emerging tech-
8 nologies for purposes of this section.

9 (e) DEFINITION OF CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS.—In
10 this section, the term “critical stakeholders” means enti-
11 ties in the private sector that have an interest in sup-
12 porting veterans to pursue education programs involving
13 emerging technologies, such as employers in relevant in-
14 dustries, educational institutions offering relevant pro-
15 grams (whether or not leading to a standard college de-
16 gree), and non-profit organizations.

17 (f) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Sep-
18 tember 30, 2027.

19 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN HIGH**
20 **TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3699C of title 38, United
22 States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in the section heading by striking “**High**
24 **technology**” and inserting “**High technology**
25 **and emerging technology**”;

1 (2) by striking “high technology” and inserting
2 “high technology or emerging technology” each place
3 such term appears; and

4 (3) in subsection (c)(4) by adding at the end
5 the following new subparagraph:

6 “(E) Such criteria shall also identify which
7 technologies of critical importance, such as arti-
8 ficial intelligence and semiconductor manufac-
9 turing, shall be treated as emerging tech-
10 nologies for purposes of this section.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 at the beginning of chapter 36 of such title is amended
13 by striking the item relating to section 3699D and insert-
14 ing the following new item:

 “3699C. High technology and emerging technology program.”.

15 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3680A of
16 title 38, United States Code, is amended in each of sub-
17 sections (a)(4)(B) and (d)(8) by striking “high tech-
18 nology” and inserting “high technology or emerging tech-
19 nology”.

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