

**H.R. 3933, TAP Promotion Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 26, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars		2023	2023-2028	2023-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)		0	*	*
Revenues		0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit		0	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)		0	*	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	< \$2.5 billion	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?		Yes
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>		
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	< \$5 billion	Contains intergovernmental mandate?		No
		Contains private-sector mandate?		No
* = between zero and \$500,000.				

H.R. 3933 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to review and approve presentations by veterans service organizations (e.g., American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans) that promote VA benefits and include information on how such organizations can assist veterans in filing claims for benefits. The bill also would require VA to submit annual reports to the Congress regarding those presentations.

Most service members who are separating from the armed forces are required by current law to attend counseling and several courses intended to assist them in transitioning into civilian life. The Transition Assistance Program is cooperatively implemented by the Departments of Defense, Labor, Homeland Security, and VA, and the curriculum includes information on employment and training opportunities, benefits administered by VA, and additional information and resources that are available to new veterans. Those benefit programs are classified in the federal budget as both mandatory and discretionary spending.

Because VA already provides detailed information concerning its benefit programs, CBO anticipates that enacting the bill would not appreciably increase benefit use, and thus would not significantly affect federal spending for those activities. Based on the costs of similar reports, CBO estimates that satisfying the reporting requirement would increase spending subject to appropriation by less than \$500,000 over the 2023-2028 period.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



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