

Improving TAP for Guard & Reserve Servicemembers Act



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THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) is a valuable tool for our servicemembers as they begin the process of returning from active-duty military service and transitioning back into civilian life.

Unfortunately, TAP does not provide dedicated transition training for the Reserve Components of our Armed Forces, which includes the Reserves and National Guard.

THIS BILL WOULD:

- Create a dedicated pathway within TAP to provide specialized information assistance to meet the unique needs of our Guard and Reserve servicemembers and clarify which VA health and retirement benefits are available to Guard and Reserve members versus their full-time active-duty counterparts.
- Ensure U.S. National Guard and Reserve servicemembers get the most out of the TAP program.
- Raise awareness and educate servicemembers on the rights and benefits entitled to them.
- Support continued training on mental health awareness, financial literacy, and more that are standard across all TAP pathways.

ENDORSEMENTS:

This legislation has been endorsed by the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), the Reserve Officers Association (ROA), Student Veterans of America (SVA), the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).