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## **Veterans Education Project applauds Introduction of S.383: JOBS Act of 2025**

**Washington, D.C.** – The Veterans Education Project (VEP) proudly supports the introduction of **S.383, the Jumpstart Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act of 2025**, led by **Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)**. This bipartisan legislation would expand Pell Grant eligibility to cover high-quality, short-term training programs, opening new pathways to good-paying jobs for veterans and other nontraditional students.

Under current law, Pell Grants are limited to programs that are at least 600 clock hours and 15 weeks in length. This excludes many shorter, skills-based programs that lead to industry-recognized credentials and are directly aligned with workforce needs. **S.383 addresses this limitation** by allowing Pell Grants to be used for eligible short-term training programs that meet rigorous quality and employment standards.

“Our veterans deserve access to training that meets them where they are,” said Donald Franklin, Executive Director of VEP. “Not every career requires a four-year degree and non-traditional students, and particularly veterans, benefit most when empowered with further educational options. The JOBS Act ensures that they can use their benefits to pursue practical, in-demand credentials that lead to meaningful employment.”

The JOBS Act is especially important for veterans transitioning to civilian life, many of whom seek opportunities that provide both flexibility and direct workforce entry. By expanding federal financial aid to cover shorter-term options, this legislation helps close the skills gap while supporting economic mobility and long-term stability for those who served. VEP commends Senator Kaine and his colleagues for introducing this forward-thinking bill and urges Congress to move quickly to pass it.

For more information on the JOBS Act of 2025, or to support this initiative, please contact **[nick@thevep.org](mailto:nick@thevep.org)**.

### About the Veterans Education Project

The Veterans Education Project (VEP) is a nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring that veterans, service members, and their families receive fair and equitable access to education benefits. VEP works with policymakers, educators, and veteran communities to advance legislation that protects and expands opportunities for those who have served.

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