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MODERNIZING THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
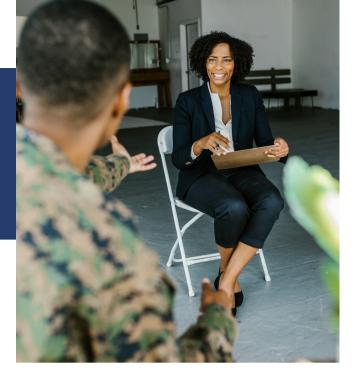
Legislative Point Paper

PROBLEM:

- The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides curriculum to servicemembers leaving the military and transitioning into civilian life.
- Military Life Cycle (MLC) modules are designed to provide servicemembers and their families with **ongoing access to information about VA services and benefits** throughout their military careers.
- VA has reported that **only 30,191 participants engaged with the MLC modules** between FY 2022 and Q2 of FY 2023, indicating a **significant underutilization** of this valuable resource.
- Limited engagement with MLC highlights the need for not only high-quality training materials but also a strategic communications plan to effectively reach and engage the target audience.

KEY POINTS:

- **70% of transitioning servicemembers are not beginning TAP** at least 365 days in advance of their anticipated separation or retirement.
- Transitioning servicemembers need **unrestricted access to TAP** resources, including access to local, state, and federal resources, to ensure a **successful transition from military to civilian life.**

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TRANSITIONING SERVICEMEMBERS WHO ARE NOT BEGINNING TAP WITHIN AT LEAST 365 DAYS OF SEPERATION

WHAT CONGRESS CAN DO:

Congress should, in partnership with interagency partners, community resource groups, and Veterans Service Organizations, modernize TAP delivery by integrating new technologies, specifically through the development of a mobile application equipped with artificial intelligence (AI).

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