



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2239
Early Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and
Employment Benefits Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
on May 15, 2007*

H.R. 2239 would amend Chapter 31 of Title 38 of the U.S. Code. Under this bill, servicemembers that the Department of Veterans Affairs determines will likely be assigned a disability rating of 10 percent or greater upon discharge from the armed services would be eligible to receive vocational rehabilitation benefits under Chapter 31. Because the number of newly eligible individuals would likely be quite small, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant impact on direct spending. Implementing this bill would have no effect on receipts or spending subject to appropriation.

H.R. 2239 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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