

Union Calendar No. 257

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2360

[Report No. 114-336]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2015

Mr. TAKANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Additional sponsors: Mr. COFFMAN, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. COSTELLO of
Pennsylvania, Ms. BASS, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and
Ms. TITUS

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 15, 2015]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Career-Ready Student*
5 *Veterans Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL OF COURSES FOR PURPOSES OF EDU-**
7 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINIS-**
8 **TERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
9 **FAIRS.**

10 *(a) APPROVAL OF NON-ACCREDITED COURSES.—Sub-*
11 *section (c) of section 3676 of title 38, United States Code,*
12 *is amended—*

13 *(1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-*
14 *graph (16); and*

15 *(2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-*
16 *lowing new paragraphs:*

17 *“(14) In the case of a program designed to pre-*
18 *pare an individual for licensure or certification in a*
19 *State, the program meets any instructional cur-*
20 *riculum licensure or certification requirements of such*
21 *State.*

22 *“(15) In the case of a program designed to pre-*
23 *pare an individual for employment pursuant to*
24 *standards developed by a board or agency of a State*
25 *in an occupation that requires approval or licensure,*

1 *the program is approved or licensed by such board or*
2 *agency of the State.”.*

3 **(b) EXCEPTIONS.**—*Such section is further amended by*
4 *adding at the end the following new subsection:*

5 “(f)(1) *The Secretary may waive the requirements of*
6 *paragraph (14) or (15) of subsection (c) in the case of a*
7 *program of education offered by an educational institution*
8 *if the Secretary determines all of the following:*

9 “(A) *The educational institution is not accred-*
10 *ited by an agency or association recognized by the*
11 *Secretary of Education.*

12 “(B) *The program did not meet the requirements*
13 *of such paragraph at any time during the two-year*
14 *period preceding the date of the waiver.*

15 “(C) *The waiver furthers the purposes of the edu-*
16 *cational assistance programs administered by the Sec-*
17 *retary or would further the education interests of in-*
18 *dividuals eligible for assistance under such programs.*

19 “(D) *The educational institution does not pro-*
20 *vide any commission, bonus, or other incentive pay-*
21 *ment based directly or indirectly on success in secur-*
22 *ing enrollments or financial aid to any persons or en-*
23 *tities engaged in any student recruiting or admission*
24 *activities or in making decisions regarding the award*
25 *of student financial assistance, except for the recruit-*

1 *ment of foreign students residing in foreign countries*
2 *who are not eligible to receive Federal student assist-*
3 *ance.*

4 *“(2) Not later than 30 days after the Secretary issues*
5 *a waiver under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit*
6 *to Congress notice of the waiver and the justification of the*
7 *Secretary for issuing the waiver.”.*

8 *(c) APPROVAL OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.—Section*
9 *3675(b)(3) of such title is amended—*

10 *(1) by striking “and (3)” and inserting “(3),*
11 *(14), and (15)”;* and

12 *(2) by inserting before the period at the end the*
13 *following: “(or, with respect to such paragraphs (14)*
14 *and (15), the requirements under such paragraphs are*
15 *waived pursuant to subsection (f) of section 3676)”.*

16 *(d) DISAPPROVAL OF COURSES.—Section 3679 of such*
17 *title is amended by adding at the end the following new*
18 *subsection:*

19 *“(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chap-*
20 *ter, the Secretary shall disapprove a course of education de-*
21 *scribed in section 3676(c)(14) or (15) unless the educational*
22 *institution providing the course of education publicly dis-*
23 *closes any conditions or additional requirements, including*
24 *training, experience, or exams, required to obtain the li-*

1 *cense, certification, or approval for which the course of edu-*
2 *cation is designed to provide preparation.”.*

3 (e) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section*
4 *3672(b)(2)(A)(i) of such title is amended by striking “An*
5 *accredited” and inserting “Except as provided in para-*
6 *graphs (14) and (15) of section 3676(c) of this title, an ac-*
7 *credited”.*

8 (f) *APPLICABILITY.—If after enrollment in a course of*
9 *education that is subject to disapproval by reason of an*
10 *amendment made by this Act, an individual pursues one*
11 *or more courses of education at the same educational insti-*
12 *tution while remaining continuously enrolled (other than*
13 *during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters*
14 *or terms) at that institution, any course so pursued by the*
15 *individual at that institution while so continuously en-*
16 *rolled shall not be subject to disapproval by reason of such*
17 *amendment.*

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