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S. 2416

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2006

Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. PRYOR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Veterans Employment
5 and Training Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE**
 2 **FOR ACCELERATED PAYMENT OF EDU-**
 3 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MONT-**
 4 **GOMERY GI BILL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 3014A
 6 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking
 7 paragraph (1) and inserting the following new paragraph
 8 (1):

9 “(1) enrolled in either—

10 “(A) an approved program of education
 11 that leads to employment in a high technology
 12 occupation in a high technology industry (as de-
 13 termined pursuant to regulations prescribed by
 14 the Secretary); or

15 “(B) an approved program of education
 16 lasting less than two years that leads to em-
 17 ployment in a sector of the economy, as identi-
 18 fied by the Department of Labor, that—

19 “(i) is projected to—

20 “(I) experience a substantial in-
 21 crease in the number of jobs; or

22 “(II) positively affect the growth
 23 of another sector of the economy; or

24 “(ii) consists of existing or emerging
 25 businesses that are being transformed by

1 technology and innovation and require new
2 skills for workers; and”.

3 (b) CONFORMING EXPANSION OF PROGRAM OF EDU-
4 CATION.—Such section is further amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
6 section (h); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
8 lowing new subsection (g):

9 “(g) For purposes of this section, a program of edu-
10 cation includes a program of education (as defined in sec-
11 tion 3002(3) of this title) pursued at a tribally controlled
12 college or university (as such term is defined in section
13 2 of the Tribally Controlled College or University Assist-
14 ance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801).”.

15 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) HEADING AMENDMENT.—The heading of
17 such section is amended to read as follows:

18 **“§ 3014A. Accelerated payment of basic educational**
19 **assistance”.**

20 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating
21 to such section in the table of sections at the begin-
22 ning of chapter 30 of such title is amended to read
23 as follows:

“3014A. Accelerated payment of basic educational assistance.”.

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