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To amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) 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. VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDU-**
4 **CATION.**

5 Section 3692 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 3692. Advisory committee**

8 **“(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.—(1)**

9 **There shall be a Veterans' Advisory Committee on Edu-**

1 cation (in this section ‘the committee’) formed by the Sec-
2 retary which shall be composed of—

3 “(A) persons who are eminent in their respec-
4 tive fields of education, labor, and management; and

5 “(B) representatives of institutions and estab-
6 lishments furnishing education or vocational training
7 to eligible veterans or persons enrolled under chapter
8 30, 31, 33, or 35 of this title and chapter 1606 of
9 title 10.

10 “(2) The committee shall also, to the maximum ex-
11 tent practicable, include the following:

12 “(A) Veterans who served in the Armed Forces
13 on active duty and were deployed in connection with
14 a contingency operation (as defined in section 101 of
15 title 10, United States Code).

16 “(B) At least one veteran who is a student cur-
17 rently enrolled in a program of education and receiv-
18 ing assistance for the pursuit of such program of
19 education under chapter 30, 31, 33, or 35 of this
20 title.

21 “(C) At least one representative from the
22 American Council on Education or an affiliated or-
23 ganization.

24 “(D) At least one representative from an orga-
25 nization that represents veterans.

1 “(E) A representative of a State approving
2 agency.

3 “(F) At least two school certifying officials
4 from different regions of the country.

5 “(3) The Assistant Secretary of Education for Post-
6 secondary Education (or such other comparable official of
7 the Department of Education as the Secretary of Edu-
8 cation may designate) shall be an ex officio member of
9 the committee.

10 “(4) The committee shall actively seek feedback on
11 policies of the Secretary relating to the administration of
12 this chapter, chapters 30, 31, 33, and 35 of this title, and
13 chapter 1606 of title 10 from—

14 “(A) students who are currently enrolled in a
15 program of education and receiving assistance for
16 the pursuit of such program of education under such
17 chapters; or

18 “(B) veterans seeking to enroll in a program of
19 education and obtain assistance for the pursuit of
20 such program of education under such chapters.

21 “(b) CONSULTATION AND REPORTS.—(1) The Sec-
22 retary shall consult with and seek the advice of the com-
23 mittee from time to time with respect to the administra-
24 tion of this chapter, chapters 30, 31, 33, and 35 of this
25 title, and chapter 1606 of title 10.

1 “(2) Not less frequently than twice each year, the
2 committee shall submit to the Secretary and to Congress
3 a report on the administration of this chapter, chapters
4 30, 31, 33, and 35 of this title, and chapter 1606 of title
5 10. Such report shall include such recommendations for
6 legislative and administrative action as the committee con-
7 siderers appropriate to improve the provision of educational
8 assistance under such chapters.

9 “(c) TERMINATION.—The committee shall remain in
10 existence until December 31, 2014.”.

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