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H. R. 2360

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Career-Ready Student
3 Veterans Act”.

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

8 (a) APPROVAL OF NON-ACCREDITED COURSES.—
9 Subsection (c) of section 3676 of title 38, United States
10 Code, is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
12 graph (16); and

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraphs:

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

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

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

3 “(f)(1) The Secretary may waive the requirements of
4 paragraph (14) or (15) of subsection (c) in the case of
5 a program of education offered by an educational institu-
6 tion if the Secretary determines all of the following:

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

10 “(B) The program did not meet the require-
11 ments of such paragraph at any time during the
12 two-year period preceding the date of the waiver.

13 “(C) The waiver furthers the purposes of the
14 educational assistance programs administered by the
15 Secretary or would further the education interests of
16 individuals eligible for assistance under such pro-
17 grams.

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

1 countries who are not eligible to receive Federal stu-
2 dent assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

19 “(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
20 chapter, the Secretary shall disapprove a course of edu-
21 cation described in section 3676(c)(14) or (15) unless the
22 educational institution providing the course of education
23 publicly discloses any conditions or additional require-
24 ments, including training, experience, or exams, required
25 to obtain the license, certification, or approval for which

1 the course of education is designed to provide prepara-
2 tion.”.

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
7 accredited”.

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

Passed the House of Representatives February 9,
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.