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S. 3601

To authorize a grant program to support institutions of higher education in hiring veterans as campus security, to prohibit Federal funding for Equity Assistance Centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 8 (legislative day, JANUARY 7), 2026

Mr. SCHMITT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 in Campus
5 Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR UNIVERSITIES TO HIRE VET-**
7 **ERANS AS CAMPUS SECURITY.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) CAMPUS.—The term “campus” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 485(f)(6)(A)(ii) of
3 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 1092(f)(6)(A)(ii)).

5 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
6 term “institution of higher education” has the
7 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
8 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of Education.

11 (4) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
12 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38,
13 United States Code.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.—The
15 Secretary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to
16 institutions of higher education to enable the institutions
17 to hire veterans as campus security personnel.

18 (c) APPLICATION.—An institution of higher edu-
19 cation that desires to receive a grant under this section
20 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
21 in such manner, and accompanied by such information as
22 the Secretary may reasonably require.

23 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—An institution of higher edu-
24 cation that receives a grant under this section shall use

1 the grant funds to hire veterans as campus security per-
2 sonnel for the campus of the institution.

3 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR EQUITY ASSIST-**
4 **ANCE CENTERS.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Fed-
6 eral funds may be used to support Equity Assistance Cen-
7 ters, as described in part 270 of title 34, Code of Federal
8 Regulations, or any similar center.

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