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H. R. 2360

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

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Mr. TAKANO introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Career-Ready Student
5 Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL OF COURSES USING EDUCATIONAL AS-**
2 **SISTANCE PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

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

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
8 graph (16); and

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

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

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

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

24 “(f) The Secretary may waive the requirements of
25 paragraph (14) or (15) of subsection (c) in the case of

1 a program of education offered by an educational institu-
2 tion if the Secretary determines the following:

3 “(1) The educational institution is accredited by
4 an agency or association recognized by the Secretary
5 of Education.

6 “(2) The program did not meet the require-
7 ments of such paragraph at any time during the
8 two-year period preceding the date of the waiver.

9 “(3) The waiver furthers the purposes of the
10 educational assistance programs administered by the
11 Secretary or would further the education interests of
12 individuals eligible for assistance under such pro-
13 grams.

14 “(4) The educational institution does not pro-
15 vide any commission, bonus, or other incentive pay-
16 ment based directly or indirectly on success in secur-
17 ing enrollments or financial aid to any persons or
18 entities engaged in any student recruiting or admis-
19 sion activities or in making decisions regarding the
20 award of student financial assistance, except for the
21 recruitment of foreign students residing in foreign
22 countries who are not eligible to receive Federal stu-
23 dent assistance.”.

1 (c) APPROVAL OF ACCREDITED COURSES AT FOR-
2 PROFIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Section
3 3675(b)(3) of such title is amended—

4 (1) by striking “and (3)” and inserting “(3),
5 (14), and (15)”; and

6 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
7 following: “(or, with respect to such paragraphs (14)
8 and (15), the requirements under such paragraphs
9 are waived pursuant to subsection (f) of section
10 3676)”.

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

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