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# H. R. 2674

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOULTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Flexibility and Over-  
5 sight Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER AUTHORITY AMONG CERTAIN PRO-**  
7 **GRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1           (1) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—Subchapter IV of  
2           chapter 76 of title 38, United States Code, is  
3           amended by adding at the end the following new sec-  
4           tion:

5   **“§ 7637. Transfer authority**

6           “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (b), the  
7           Secretary of Veterans Affairs may transfer funds made  
8           available to the Secretary to carry out a covered program  
9           between that covered program and another covered pro-  
10          gram. Funds so transferred shall be merged with and be  
11          available for the same purposes as the funds to which  
12          transferred.

13          “(b) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary may make a  
14          transfer under subsection (a) if—

15                 “(1) the Secretary determines that such trans-  
16                 fer will improve the quality of service provided by  
17                 the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans;

18                 “(2) the Secretary notifies Congress of such de-  
19                 termination and justification for such transfer; and

20                 “(3) a period of 30 days has elapsed following  
21                 the date of such notification.

22          “(c) EFFECT.—A transfer made from one account to  
23          another under the authority of this section shall be deemed  
24          to increase the amount authorized for the account to

1 which the amount is transferred by an amount equal to  
2 the amount transferred.

3 “(d) COVERED PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section,  
4 the term ‘covered program’ means any of the following:

5 “(1) The Department of Veterans Affairs  
6 Health Professional Scholarship Program under sub-  
7 chapter II of this chapter.

8 “(2) The Department of Veterans Affairs Em-  
9 ployee Incentive Scholarship Program under sub-  
10 chapter VI of this chapter.

11 “(3) The Department of Veterans Affairs Edu-  
12 cation Debt Reduction Program under subchapter  
13 VII of this chapter.

14 “(4) The education debt reduction program  
15 under section 7903 of this title.”.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
17 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
18 by inserting after the item relating to section 7636  
19 the following new item:

“7637. Transfer authority.”.

20 (b) REPORTS.—Section 7632 of such title is amended  
21 by adding at the end the following paragraph:

22 “(8) During the 10-year period beginning on  
23 March 1, 2016, an evaluation of the efficacy of the  
24 programs in increasing the quality of health care  
25 provided to veterans, opportunities for improvement,

1       and other matters the Secretary determines appro-  
2       priate.”.

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