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To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide educational and vocational counseling for veterans on campuses of institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2017

Mr. BANKS of Indiana 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 “Veterans Success on
5 Campus Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
2 **OF ON-CAMPUS EDUCATIONAL AND VOCA-**
3 **TIONAL COUNSELING FOR VETERANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 36 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3697A
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 3697B. On-campus educational and vocational**
8 **counseling**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide edu-
10 cational and vocational counseling services for veterans at
11 locations on the campuses of institutions of higher learn-
12 ing selected by the Secretary. Such counseling services
13 shall be provided by employees of the Department who
14 provide such services under section 3697A of this title.

15 “(b) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—(1) To be selected
16 by the Secretary under this section, an institution of high-
17 er learning shall provide an appropriate space on the cam-
18 pus of the institution where counseling services can be pro-
19 vided under this section.

20 “(2) In selecting locations for the provision of coun-
21 seling services under this section, the Secretary shall seek
22 to select locations where the maximum number of veterans
23 would have access to such services.

24 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this section, and each
26 year thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a

1 report on the counseling services provided under this sec-
2 tion. Such report shall include, for the year covered by
3 the report—

4 “(1) the average ratio of counselors providing
5 such services to veterans who received such services
6 at each location where such services were provided;

7 “(2) a description of such services provided;

8 “(3) the recommendations of the Secretary for
9 improving the provision of such services; and

10 “(4) any other matters the Secretary deter-
11 mines appropriate.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
13 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
14 after the item relating to section 3697A the following new
15 item:

“3697B. On-campus educational and vocational counseling.”.

