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H. R. 7477

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

Mr. VAN ORDEN (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Ensuring Military Ac-
5 cess to Higher Education Benefits Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. DATA MATCHING AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPART-**
7 **MENT OF EDUCATION.**

8 Not later than one year after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall complete a data
10 matching agreement with the Secretary of Education in
11 order to ensure that individuals who are current or former
12 active-duty military service members or civilian employees
13 and are otherwise eligible for assistance under the public
14 service loan forgiveness program under section 455(m) of
15 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m))
16 have their periods of employment, beginning on October
17 1, 2007, certified.

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