

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2749

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain records available to educational institutions where veterans or persons receiving educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary are enrolled, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2013

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) 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 Education
5 Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS RECORDS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITU-**
3 **TIONS IN WHICH VETERANS OR PERSONS RE-**
4 **CEIVING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER**
5 **THE LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE SEC-**
6 **RETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ARE EN-**
7 **ROLLED.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 36 of
9 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new section:

11 **“§ 3699. Availability of records to educational institu-**
12 **tions**

13 “The Secretary shall provide to any veteran or person
14 who receives educational assistance under the laws admin-
15 istered by the Secretary the option of making the veteran’s
16 or person’s relevant records maintained by the Secretary,
17 including information about the amount of educational as-
18 sistance to which the veteran or person is entitled, avail-
19 able through an Internet website to the educational insti-
20 tution that provides the course of education in which the
21 veteran or person is enrolled. The Secretary shall take
22 such steps as may be necessary to ensure that—

23 “(1) an educational institution to which such
24 records are made available enters into an agreement
25 with the Secretary under which the institution
26 agrees that such records will only be made available

1 for the purpose of counseling the veteran or person
2 in making decisions related to the veteran's or per-
3 son's education; and

4 “(2) no unauthorized person is given access to
5 any record made available to an educational institu-
6 tion under this section, including by requiring the
7 use of passwords and other appropriate mechanisms
8 for restricting access to the records by unauthorized
9 persons.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
12 at the end of the items relating to such subchapter the
13 following new item:

“3699. Availability of records to educational institutions.”.

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