

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5914

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Education
3 Transparency and Training Act” or the “VETT Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROCESSES TO APPROVE PROGRAMS OF EDU-**
5 **CATION FOR PURPOSES OF THE EDU-**
6 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THE**
7 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8 (a) LIMITATION OF DISAPPROVAL OF PROGRAMS OF
9 EDUCATION FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN
10 FORMS.—Section 3679(f)(5) of title 38, United States
11 Code, is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “this para-

13 graph” and inserting “this subparagraph”;

14 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “this para-

15 graph” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-

17 paragraph:

18 “(C) If an educational institution cannot provide to
19 an individual a form under paragraph (1) that contains
20 all of the information required under subparagraph (A)
21 of such paragraph, the educational institution shall pro-
22 vide to such individual, with the form under such para-
23 graph, a notice—

24 “(i) that specifies what such information may
25 be inaccurate or incomplete; and

1 “(ii) that includes, in place of the information
2 that may be inaccurate or incomplete, the best esti-
3 mate available on the date of such notice.”.

4 (b) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT TRAIN-
5 ING FOR SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIALS.—The Sec-
6 retary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a website to serve
7 as a central location for the publication of information
8 about the training that the Department of Veterans Af-
9 fairs provides for school certifying officials and shall up-
10 date such information on a regular basis.

11 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF RULES FOR APPROVAL OF COM-**
12 **MERCIAL DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS**
13 **FOR PURPOSES OF EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
14 **ANCE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
15 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3680A(e) of title 38,
17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
19 (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively;

20 (2) in the matter before subparagraph (A), as
21 redesignated by paragraph (1), by inserting “(1)”
22 before “The Secretary”;

23 (3) in paragraph (1)(B), as redesignated by
24 paragraph (1), by inserting “except as provided in
25 paragraph (2),” before “the course”; and

1 (4) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph (2):

3 “(2)(A) Subject to this paragraph, a commercial driv-
4 er education program is exempt from paragraph (1)(B)
5 for a branch of an educational institution if the commer-
6 cial driver education program offered at the branch by the
7 educational institution—

8 “(i) is appropriately licensed; and

9 “(ii)(I) the branch is located in a State in
10 which the same commercial driver education pro-
11 gram is offered by the same educational institution
12 at another branch of that educational institution in
13 the same State that is approved for purposes of this
14 chapter by a State approving agency or the Sec-
15 retary when acting in the role of a State approving
16 agency; or

17 “(II)(aa) the branch is located in a State in
18 which the same commercial driver education pro-
19 gram is not offered at another branch of the same
20 educational institution in the same State; and

21 “(bb) the branch has been operating for a pe-
22 riod of at least one year using the same curriculum
23 as a commercial driver education program offered by
24 the educational institution at another location that is
25 approved for purposes of this chapter by a State ap-

1 proving agency or the Secretary when acting in the
2 role of a State approving agency.

3 “(B)(i) In order for a commercial driver education
4 program of an educational institution offered at a branch
5 described in paragraph (1)(B) to be exempt under sub-
6 paragraph (A) of this paragraph, the educational institu-
7 tion shall submit to the Secretary each year that para-
8 graph (1)(B) would otherwise apply a report that dem-
9 onstrates that the curriculum at the new branch is the
10 same as the curriculum at the primary location.

11 “(ii) Reporting under clause (i) shall be submitted
12 in accordance with such requirements as the Secretary
13 shall establish in consultation with the State approving
14 agencies.

15 “(C)(i) The Secretary may withhold an exemption
16 under subparagraph (A) for any educational institution or
17 branch of an educational institution as the Secretary con-
18 siders appropriate.

19 “(ii) In making any determination under clause (i),
20 the Secretary may consult with the Secretary of Transpor-
21 tation on the performance of a provider of a commercial
22 driver program, including the status of the provider within
23 the Training Provider Registry of the Federal Motor Car-
24 rier Safety Administration when appropriate.

1 “(D) The Secretary shall submit to the Committees
2 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
3 resentatives a notification not later than 30 days after the
4 Secretary grants an exemption under this paragraph.
5 Such notification shall identify the educational institution
6 and branch of such educational institution granted such
7 exemption.”.

8 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

9 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS.—Not
10 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
12 establish requirements under section
13 3680A(e)(2)(B)(ii) of such title, as added by sub-
14 section (a).

15 (2) RULEMAKING.—In promulgating any rules
16 to carry out paragraph (2) of section 3680A(e) of
17 title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection
18 (a), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall consult
19 with State approving agencies.

20 (3) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made
21 by subsection (a) shall apply to commercial driver
22 education programs on and after the day that is 180
23 days after the date on which the Secretary estab-

1 lishes the requirements under paragraph (1) of this
2 subsection.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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