

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5914
OFFERED BY MR. VAN ORDEN OF WISCONSIN**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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:

1 “(C) If an educational institution cannot provide to
2 an individual a form under paragraph (1) that contains
3 all of the information required under subparagraph (A)
4 of such paragraph, the educational institution shall pro-
5 vide to such individual, with the form under such para-
6 graph, a notice—

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

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

12 (b) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT TRAIN-
13 ING FOR SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIALS.—The Sec-
14 retary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a website to serve
15 as a central location for the publication of information
16 about the training that the Department of Veterans Af-
17 fairs provides for school certifying officials and shall up-
18 date such information on a regular basis.

19 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF RULES FOR APPROVAL OF COM-**
20 **MERCIAL DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS**
21 **FOR PURPOSES OF EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
22 **ANCE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
23 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

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

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

3 (2) in the matter before subparagraph (A), as
4 redesignated by paragraph (1), by inserting “(1)”
5 before “The Secretary”;

6 (3) in paragraph (1)(B), as redesignated by
7 paragraph (1), by inserting “except as provided in
8 paragraph (2),” before “the course”; and

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

11 “(2)(A) Subject to this paragraph, a commercial driv-
12 er education program is exempt from paragraph (1)(B)
13 for a branch of an educational institution if the commer-
14 cial driver education program offered at the branch by the
15 educational institution—

16 “(i) is appropriately licensed; and

17 “(ii)(I) the branch is located in a State in
18 which the same commercial driver education pro-
19 gram is offered by the same educational institution
20 at another branch of that educational institution in
21 the same State that is approved for purposes of this
22 chapter by a State approving agency or the Sec-
23 retary when acting in the role of a State approving
24 agency; or

1 “(II)(aa) the branch is located in a State in
2 which the same commercial driver education pro-
3 gram is not offered at another branch of the same
4 educational institution in the same State; and

5 “(bb) the branch has been operating for a pe-
6 riod of at least one year using the same curriculum
7 as a commercial driver education program offered by
8 the educational institution at another location that is
9 approved for purposes of this chapter by a State ap-
10 proving agency or the Secretary when acting in the
11 role of a State approving agency.

12 “(B)(i) In order for a commercial driver education
13 program of an educational institution offered at a branch
14 described in paragraph (1)(B) to be exempt under sub-
15 paragraph (A) of this paragraph, the educational institu-
16 tion shall submit to the Secretary each year that para-
17 graph (1)(B) would otherwise apply a report that dem-
18 onstrates that the curriculum at the new branch is the
19 same as the curriculum at the primary location.

20 “(ii) Reporting under clause (i) shall be submitted
21 in accordance with such requirements as the Secretary
22 shall establish in consultation with the State approving
23 agencies.

24 “(C)(i) The Secretary may withhold an exemption
25 under subparagraph (A) for any educational institution or

1 branch of an educational institution as the Secretary con-
2 siders appropriate.

3 “(ii) In making any determination under clause (i),
4 the Secretary may consult with the Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation on the performance of a provider of a commercial
6 driver program, including the status of the provider within
7 the Training Provider Registry of the Federal Motor Car-
8 rier Safety Administration when appropriate.

9 “(D) The Secretary shall submit to the Committees
10 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
11 resentatives a notification not later than 30 days after the
12 Secretary grants an exemption under this paragraph.
13 Such notification shall identify the educational institution
14 and branch of such educational institution granted such
15 exemption.”.

16 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

17 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS.—Not
18 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
20 establish requirements under section
21 3680A(e)(2)(B)(ii) of such title, as added by sub-
22 section (a).

23 (2) RULEMAKING.—In promulgating any rules
24 to carry out paragraph (2) of section 3680A(e) of
25 title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection

1 (a), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall consult
2 with State approving agencies.

3 (3) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made
4 by subsection (a) shall apply to commercial driver
5 education programs on and after the day that is 180
6 days after the date on which the Secretary estab-
7 lishes the requirements under paragraph (1) of this
8 subsection.

