

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 476
OFFERED BY MR. WENSTRUP OF OHIO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “GI Bill Education
3 Quality Enhancement Act of 2015”.

4 SEC. 2. ROLE OF STATE APPROVING AGENCIES.

5 (a) APPROVAL OF CERTAIN COURSES.—Section
6 3672(b)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
7 by striking “the following” and all that follows through
8 the colon and inserting the following: “a program of edu-
9 cation is deemed to be approved for purposes of this chap-
10 ter if a State approving agency determines that the pro-
11 gram is one of the following programs:”.

12 (b) APPROVAL OF OTHER COURSES.—Section 3675
13 of such title amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

15 (A) by striking “The Secretary or a State
16 approving agency” and inserting “A State ap-
17 proving agency, or the Secretary when acting in
18 the role of a State approving agency,”; and

1 (B) by striking “offered by proprietary for-
2 profit educational institutions” and inserting
3 “not covered by section 3672 of this title”; and
4 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “the Secretary
5 or the State approving agency” and inserting “the
6 State approving agency, or the Secretary when act-
7 ing in the role of a State approving agency,” each
8 place it appears.

9 **SEC. 3. CRITERIA USED TO APPROVE NONACCREDITED**
10 **COURSES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3676(c)(14) of such title
12 is amended by inserting before the period the following:
13 “if the Secretary, in consultation with the State approving
14 agency and pursuant to regulations prescribed to carry out
15 this paragraph, determines such criteria are necessary and
16 treat public, private, and proprietary for-profit educational
17 institutions equitably”.

18 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
19 section (a) shall apply with respect to—

20 (1) criteria developed pursuant to paragraph
21 (14) of subsection (c) of section 3676 of title 38,
22 United States Code, on or after January 1, 2013;
23 and

24 (2) an investigation conducted under such sub-
25 section that is covered by a reimbursement of ex-

1 penses paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
2 a State pursuant to section 3674 of such title on or
3 after October 1, 2015.

4 **SEC. 4. CLARIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR**
5 **CERTAIN FLIGHT TRAINING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c)(1)(A) of section
7 3313 of such title is amended—

8 (1) in clause (i)—

9 (A) by redesignating subclauses (I) and
10 (II) as items (aa) and (bb), respectively;

11 (B) by striking “In the case of a program
12 of education pursued at a public institution of
13 higher learning” and inserting “(I) Subject to
14 subclause (II), in the case of a program of edu-
15 cation pursued at a public institution of higher
16 learning not described in clause (ii)(II)(bb)”;
17 and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following new
19 subclause:

20 “(II) In determining the actual net
21 cost for in-State tuition and fees pursuant
22 to subclause (I), the Secretary may not
23 pay for tuition and fees relating to flight
24 training.”; and

25 (2) in clause (ii)—

1 (A) in subclause (I), by redesignating
2 items (aa) and (bb) as subitems (AA) and
3 (BB), respectively;

4 (B) in subclause (II), by redesignating
5 items (aa) and (bb) as subitems (AA) and
6 (BB), respectively;

7 (C) by redesignating subclauses (I) and
8 (II) as items (aa) and (bb), respectively;

9 (D) by striking “In the case of a program
10 of education pursued at a non-public or foreign
11 institution of higher learning” and inserting
12 “(I) In the case of a program of education de-
13 scribed in subclause (II)”;

14 (E) by adding at the end the following new
15 subclause:

16 “(II) A program of education de-
17 scribed in this subclause is any of the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(aa) A program of education
20 pursued at a non-public or foreign in-
21 stitution of higher learning.

22 “(bb) A program of education
23 pursued at a public institution of
24 higher learning in which flight train-
25 ing is required to earn the degree

1 being pursued (including with respect
2 to a dual major, concentration, or
3 other element of such a degree).”.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
6 graph (2), the amendments made by subsection (a)
7 shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or
8 term, as applicable, commencing on or after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act.

10 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS.—

11 In the case of an individual who, as of the date of
12 the enactment of this Act, is using educational as-
13 sistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States
14 Code, to pursue a course of education that includes
15 flight training, the amendments made by subsection
16 (a) shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester,
17 or term, as applicable, commencing on or after the
18 date that is one year after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act.

20 **SEC. 5. COMPLIANCE SURVEYS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3693 of such title is
22 amended—

23 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
24 following new subsection (a):

1 “(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b), the Sec-
2 retary shall conduct an annual compliance survey of edu-
3 cational institutions and training establishments offering
4 one or more courses approved for the enrollment of eligible
5 veterans or persons if at least 20 such veterans or persons
6 are enrolled in any such course. The Secretary shall—

7 “(A) design the compliance surveys to ensure
8 that such institutions or establishments, as the case
9 may be, and approved courses are in compliance
10 with all applicable provisions of chapters 30 through
11 36 of this title;

12 “(B) survey each such educational institution
13 and training establishment not less than once during
14 every two-year period; and

15 “(C) assign not fewer than one education com-
16 pliance specialist to work on compliance surveys in
17 any year for each 40 compliance surveys required to
18 be made under this section for such year.

19 “(2) The Secretary, in consultation with the State ap-
20 proving agencies, shall—

21 “(A) annually determine the parameters of the
22 surveys required under paragraph (1); and

23 “(B) not later than September 1 of each year,
24 make available to the State approving agencies a list
25 of the educational institutions and training estab-

1 lishments that will be surveyed during the fiscal year
2 following the date of making such list available.”;
3 and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(c) In this section, the terms ‘educational institu-
7 tion’ and ‘training establishment’ have the meaning given
8 such terms in section 3452 of this title.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (b) of
10 such section is amended—

11 (1) by striking “subsection (a) of this section
12 for an annual compliance survey” and inserting
13 “subsection (a)(1) for a compliance survey”;

14 (2) by striking “institution” and inserting
15 “educational institution or training establishment”;
16 and

17 (3) by striking “institution’s demonstrated
18 record of compliance” and inserting “record of com-
19 pliance of such institution or establishment”.

