

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2360
OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Career-Ready Student
3 Veterans Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL OF COURSES FOR PURPOSES OF EDU-**
5 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINIS-**
6 **TERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
7 **FAIRS.**

8 (a) APPROVAL OF NON-ACCREDITED COURSES.—
9 Subsection (c) of section 3676 of title 38, United States
10 Code, is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-
12 graph (16); and

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraphs:

15 “(14) In the case of a program designed to pre-
16 pare an individual for licensure or certification in a
17 State, the program meets any instructional cur-

1 riculum licensure or certification requirements of
2 such State.

3 “(15) In the case of a program designed to pre-
4 pare an individual for employment pursuant to
5 standards developed by a board or agency of a State
6 in an occupation that requires approval or licensure,
7 the program is approved or licensed by such board
8 or agency of the State.”.

9 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Such section is further amended
10 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

11 “(f)(1) The Secretary may waive the requirements of
12 paragraph (14) or (15) of subsection (c) in the case of
13 a program of education offered by an educational institu-
14 tion if the Secretary determines all of the following:

15 “(A) The educational institution is not accred-
16 ited by an agency or association recognized by the
17 Secretary of Education.

18 “(B) The program did not meet the require-
19 ments of such paragraph at any time during the
20 two-year period preceding the date of the waiver.

21 “(C) The waiver furthers the purposes of the
22 educational assistance programs administered by the
23 Secretary or would further the education interests of
24 individuals eligible for assistance under such pro-
25 grams.

1 “(D) The educational institution does not pro-
2 vide any commission, bonus, or other incentive pay-
3 ment based directly or indirectly on success in secur-
4 ing enrollments or financial aid to any persons or
5 entities engaged in any student recruiting or admis-
6 sion activities or in making decisions regarding the
7 award of student financial assistance, except for the
8 recruitment of foreign students residing in foreign
9 countries who are not eligible to receive Federal stu-
10 dent assistance.

11 “(2) Not later than 30 days after the Secretary issues
12 a waiver under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit
13 to Congress notice of the waiver and the justification of
14 the Secretary for issuing the waiver.”.

15 (c) APPROVAL OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.—Section
16 3675(b)(3) of such title is amended—

17 (1) by striking “and (3)” and inserting “(3),
18 (14), and (15)”; and

19 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
20 following: “(or, with respect to such paragraphs (14)
21 and (15), the requirements under such paragraphs
22 are waived pursuant to subsection (f) of section
23 3676)”.

1 (d) DISAPPROVAL OF COURSES.—Section 3679 of
2 such title is amended by adding at the end the following
3 new subsection:

4 “(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
5 chapter, the Secretary shall disapprove a course of edu-
6 cation described in section 3676(c)(14) or (15) unless the
7 educational institution providing the course of education
8 publicly discloses any conditions or additional require-
9 ments, including training, experience, or exams, required
10 to obtain the license, certification, or approval for which
11 the course of education is designed to provide prepara-
12 tion.”.

13 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
14 3672(b)(2)(A)(i) of such title is amended by striking “An
15 accredited” and inserting “Except as provided in para-
16 graphs (14) and (15) of section 3676(c) of this title, an
17 accredited”.

18 (f) APPLICABILITY.—If after enrollment in a course
19 of education that is subject to disapproval by reason of
20 an amendment made by this Act, an individual pursues
21 one or more courses of education at the same educational
22 institution while remaining continuously enrolled (other
23 than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses,
24 semesters or terms) at that institution, any course so pur-
25 sued by the individual at that institution while so continu-

1 ously enrolled shall not be subject to disapproval by reason
2 of such amendment.

