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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 to expand eligibility for high technology programs of education and the class of providers who may enter into contracts with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide such programs.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCCARTHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “VET-TEC Improve-  
5 ment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE CLASS OF PROVIDERS OF**  
2 **HIGH TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS OF EDU-**  
3 **CATION FOR VETERANS.**

4 Section 116 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Edu-  
5 cational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–48, 38  
6 U.S.C. 3001 (note)) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end  
8 “The Secretary shall treat an individual as an eligi-  
9 ble veteran if the Secretary determines that the indi-  
10 vidual shall become an eligible veteran fewer than  
11 180 days after the date of such determination.”

12 (2) in subsection (c)(3)—

13 (A) by striking subparagraph (A); and

14 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
15 and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-  
16 tively;

17 (3) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding  
18 paragraph (1), by inserting “(not including an indi-  
19 vidual described in the second sentence of subsection  
20 (b))” after “each eligible veteran”;

21 (4) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding  
22 paragraph (1), by inserting “, including a part-time  
23 program shorter than six months in duration,” after  
24 “means a program of education”; and

25 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
26 section (i):

1           “(i) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN ACCOUNTING OF AS-  
2   SISTANCE.—The Secretary may not consider enrollment in  
3   a high technology program of education under this section  
4   to be assistance under a provision of law referred to in  
5   section 3695 of title 38, United States Code.”.