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# H. R. 3981

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGARVEY (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Veterans Education  
5 Oversight Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
2 **FAIRS OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN EDU-**  
3 **CATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.**

4 (a) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL.—**  
5 Section 3675(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amend-  
6 ed by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(5) The educational institution agrees to, not  
8 later than 30 days after any date on which such  
9 educational institution becomes subject to an action  
10 or event described in section 3673(e)(3) of this title,  
11 submit to the State approving agency, or the Sec-  
12 retary when acting in the role of a State approving  
13 agency, a notification of such action or event in such  
14 form and containing such information as the Sec-  
15 retary determines appropriate.”.

16 (b) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL OF**  
17 **NONACCREDITED COURSES.—**

18 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 3676(c) of such title  
19 is amended—

20 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (14)  
21 through (16) as paragraphs (15) through (17),  
22 respectively; and

23 (B) by inserting after paragraph (13) the  
24 following new paragraph:

25 “(14) The institution agrees to, not later than  
26 30 days after any date on which such institution be-

1 comes subject to an action or event described in sec-  
2 tion 3673(e)(3) of this title, submit to the State ap-  
3 proving agency, or the Secretary when acting in the  
4 role of a State approving agency, a notification of  
5 such action or event in such form and containing  
6 such information as the Secretary determines appro-  
7 priate.”.

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is  
9 further amended—

10 (A) in section 3672(b)(2)(C), by striking  
11 “paragraph (14) or (15)” and inserting “para-  
12 graph (15) or (16)”;

13 (B) in section 3675(b)(3), by striking  
14 “(14), (15), and (16)” and inserting “(15),  
15 (16), and (17)”;

16 (C) in section 3679(d), by striking “de-  
17 scribed in paragraph (14) or (15)” and insert-  
18 ing “described in paragraph (15) or (16)”;

19 (D) in section 3680A(a)(4)(C)(iii), by  
20 striking “section 3676(c)(14) and (15)” and in-  
21 sserting “section 3676(c)(15) and (16)”.

22 (c) ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OF AP-  
23 PROVAL.—Section 3679(f)(1) of such title is amended by  
24 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

1           “(J) Comply with the notification requirements  
2           under sections 3675(b)(5) and 3676(e)(14) of this  
3           title, when applicable.”.

4           (d) RESTORATION OF CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL AS-  
5           SISTANCE.—Section 3699(b)(1)(B) of such title is amend-  
6           ed—

7           (1) in clause (i), by striking “; or” and insert-  
8           ing a semicolon; and

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

11                           “(iii) any action of the Secretary af-  
12                           fecting such approval or disapproval the  
13                           Secretary determines appropriate; or”.

14          (e) DEADLINE FOR RISK-BASED SURVEYS DATA-  
15          BASE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish  
16          the database required under section 3673A(c) of title 38,  
17          United States Code, by not later than 180 days after the  
18          date of the enactment of this Act.

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