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H. R. 5956

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide additional information about certain postsecondary educational institutions to individuals entitled to educational assistance under the laws administered by such Secretary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 13, 2023

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Transparency for Stu-
5 dent Veterans Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ABOUT CER-**
3 **TAIN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTI-**
4 **TUTIONS; MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-**
5 **STANDING.**

6 (a) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED.—
7 Section 3698 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
8 ed—

9 (1) in subsection (c)(1)(C)—

10 (A) in clause (vi), by inserting “, including
11 programs of education leading to a certificate
12 or professional license at such institution” after
13 “higher learning”;

14 (B) by redesignating clauses (ix) through
15 (xv) as clauses (xiv) through (xix), respectively;
16 and

17 (C) by inserting after clause (viii) the fol-
18 lowing new clauses:

19 “(ix) the rates at which veterans and mem-
20 bers—

21 “(I) re-enroll at the institution after
22 completing the first year of covered edu-
23 cation; and

24 “(II) complete covered education;

1 “(x) the number of veterans or members
2 who completed covered education at the institu-
3 tion leading to—

4 “(I) a degree, disaggregated by type
5 of degree, including—

6 “(aa) an associate degree;

7 “(bb) a bachelor’s degree; and

8 “(cc) a postbaccalaureate degree;

9 and

10 “(II) a certificate or professional li-
11 cense, disaggregated by type of certificate
12 or professional license;

13 “(xi) the average length of time for a vet-
14 eran or member to complete covered education
15 at the institution—

16 “(I) leading to a degree; and

17 “(II) leading to a certificate or profes-
18 sional license;

19 “(xii) for each covered education at the in-
20 stitution, the average annual salary of a veteran
21 or member who completed such covered edu-
22 cation;”;

23 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

24 (A) by striking “(2) To the extent prac-
25 ticable” and inserting “(2)(A) To the extent

1 practicable, and except as provided in subpara-
2 graph (B)”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following new
4 subparagraph:

5 “(B) The Secretary shall provide the informa-
6 tion described in clause (xii) of paragraph (1) by in-
7 cluding a hyperlink to a database containing such
8 information on the Internet website of the Depart-
9 ment.”; and

10 (3) in subsection (f)—

11 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
12 through (4) as paragraphs (2) through (5), re-
13 spectively; and

14 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as
15 so redesignated) the following new paragraph:

16 “(1) The term ‘covered education’ has the
17 meaning, with respect to a veteran or member, given
18 such term in section 3691A of this title.”.

19 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE-
20 QUIRED.—Not later than two years after the date of the
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
22 shall seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding
23 with the Secretary of Education and the heads other rel-
24 evant Federal agencies, as the Secretary of Veterans Af-
25 fairs determines appropriate, to obtain information on

1 outcomes with respect to individuals entitled to edu-
2 cational assistance under the laws administered by the
3 Secretary of Veterans Affairs attending educational insti-
4 tutions.

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