

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7896
OFFERED BY MR. VAN ORDEN OF WISCONSIN**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Education
3 and Technical Skills Opportunity Act of 2024” or the
4 “VETS Opportunity Act of 2024”.

**5 SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INDEPENDENT STUDY
6 PROGRAMS UNDER EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-
7 ANCE PROGRAMS OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-
8 ERANS AFFAIRS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.— Section 3680A(a)(4)(B)(iii) of
10 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “that requires regular and sub-
12 stantive interaction between students and instruc-
13 tors” after “course of study”; and

14 (2) by striking subclause (II) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(II) an institution of higher
17 education, as such term is defined in
18 section 102 of the Higher Education

1 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002), that is
2 approved to participate or partici-
3 pating in the student financial assist-
4 ance programs authorized by title IV
5 of that Act; and”.

6 (b) APPLICABILITY.—(b) Applicability.—The amend-
7 ment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to
8 a quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, that begins
9 on or after August 1, 2024.

