

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7896

To amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the criteria for approval of certain independent study programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2024

Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. VAN ORDEN) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Veterans Education
5 and Technical Skills Opportunity Act of 2024” or the
6 “VETS Opportunity Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INDEPENDENT STUDY**
2 **PROGRAMS UNDER EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
3 **ANCE PROGRAMS OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3680A(4)(B)(iii)(II) of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(II) an institution of higher
9 education, as such term is defined in
10 section 102 of the Higher Education
11 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002), that is
12 qualified to participate in the student
13 financial assistance programs author-
14 ized by title IV of that Act; and”.

15 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by sub-
16 section (a) shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester,
17 or term, as applicable, that begins on or after August 1,
18 2024.

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