

# Union Calendar No. 637

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5047

[Report No. 114-813]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2016

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CRAMER, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Additional sponsors: Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. JONES, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. ROSS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. BLUM, and Mr. POLIQUIN

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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 “Protecting Veterans’  
5 Educational Choice Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**  
7                   **OF INFORMATION ON ARTICULATION AGREE-**  
8                   **MENTS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**  
9                   **LEARNING.**

10       (a) INFORMATION.—Department of Veterans Affairs  
11 counselors who provide educational or vocational coun-  
12 seling services pursuant to section 3697A of title 38,  
13 United States Code, shall provide to any eligible individual  
14 who requests such counseling services information about  
15 the articulation agreements of each institution of higher  
16 learning in which the veteran is interested.

17       (b) CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—When the Sec-  
18 retary of Veterans Affairs provides to a veteran a certifi-  
19 cation of eligibility for educational assistance provided by  
20 the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary shall  
21 also include detailed information on such educational as-  
22 sistance, including information on requesting education  
23 counseling services and on articulation agreements.

24       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) The term “institution of higher learning”  
2           has the meaning given such term in section 3452(f)  
3           of title 38, United States Code.

4           (2) The term “articulation agreement” has the  
5           meaning given such term in section 486A of the  
6           Higher Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89–329;  
7           20 U.S.C. 1093a).

8           (d) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-  
9           retary of Veterans Affairs shall implement this section not  
10          later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this  
11          Act.



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