

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5766
OFFERED BY MR. Levin

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Employment
3 Through Technology Education Courses Expansion Act”
4 or the “VET TEC Expansion Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE CLASS OF PROVIDERS OF**
6 **HIGH TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS OF EDU-**
7 **CATION FOR VETERANS.**

8 Section 116 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Edu-
9 cational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–48; 38
10 U.S.C. 3001 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
12 following: “The Secretary shall treat an individual as
13 an eligible veteran if the Secretary determines that
14 the individual shall become an eligible veteran fewer
15 than 180 days after the date of such determina-
16 tion.”;

17 (2) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “has
2 been operational for at least 2 years” and in-
3 serting “employs instructors whom the Sec-
4 retary determines are experts in their respective
5 fields in accordance with paragraph (6)”;

6 (B) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(6) EXPERTS.—The Secretary shall determine
9 whether instructors are experts under paragraph
10 (3)(A) based on evidence furnished to the Secretary
11 by the provider regarding the ability of the instruc-
12 tors to—

13 “(A) identify professions in need of new
14 employees to hire, tailor the programs to meet
15 market needs, and identify the employers likely
16 to hire graduates;

17 “(B) effectively teach the skills offered to
18 eligible veterans;

19 “(C) provide relevant industry experience
20 in the fields of programs offered to incoming el-
21 igible veterans; and

22 “(D) demonstrate relevant industry experi-
23 ence in such fields of programs.”;

24 (3) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding
25 paragraph (1), by inserting “(not including an indi-

1 vidual described in the second sentence of subsection
2 (b))” after “each eligible veteran”;

3 (4) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding
4 paragraph (1), by inserting “, including a part-time
5 program shorter than six months in duration,” after
6 “means a program of education”; and

7 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 section (i):

9 “(i) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN ACCOUNTING OF AS-
10 SISTANCE.—The Secretary may not consider enrollment in
11 a high technology program of education under this section
12 to be assistance under a provision of law referred to in
13 section 3695 of title 38, United States Code.”.



