

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1458

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

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina) 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 2025” or the
6 “VETS Opportunity Act of 2025”.

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(a)(4)(A)(ii)(III) of
6 title 38, United States Code (as amended by the Senator
7 Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and
8 Benefits Improvement Act (Public Law 118–210; 138
9 Stat. 2773)), is further amended—

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

13 (2) in item (aa), by striking “; or” and insert-
14 ing a semicolon;

15 (3) in item (bb), by striking “; and” and insert-
16 ing “; or”; and

17 (4) by adding at the end by following new item:

18 “(cc) an institution of high-
19 er education, as such term is de-
20 fined in section 102 of the High-
21 er Education Act of 1965 (20
22 U.S.C. 1002), that is approved to
23 participate or participating in the
24 student financial assistance pro-
25 grams authorized by title IV of
26 that Act; and”.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
2 section (a) shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester,
3 or term, as applicable, that begins on or after August 1,
4 2025.

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