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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MACKENZIE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 “VA Education Over-  
5        sight Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**  
2 **FAIRS AND STATE APPROVING AGENCIES**  
3 **WITH RESPECT TO THIRD-PARTY CONTRAC-**  
4 **TORS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.**

5 (a) SCOPE OF OVERSIGHT OF THIRD-PARTY CON-  
6 TRACTORS.—Section 3673A of title 38, United States  
7 Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting after “over-  
9 sight of educational institutions” the following: “, in-  
10 cluding third-party contractors of educational insti-  
11 tutions,”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)(2)(G), by striking “adver-  
13 tising and recruiting practices” and inserting “ad-  
14 vertising, marketing, recruiting, and enrollment  
15 practices”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the  
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(3) The scope determined under paragraph (1) shall  
19 include any location at which the educational institution  
20 offers a course or program of education approved under  
21 this chapter, including a location in a foreign country.”.

22 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 3672 of title 38,  
23 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
24 following new subsection:

25 “(f) Not later than October 1 of each year through  
26 2028, the Secretary shall conduct an assessment of the

1 activities carried out under this chapter with respect to  
2 the approval of courses or programs of education provided  
3 by third-party contractors of educational institutions and  
4 shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the  
5 Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the  
6 House of Representatives a report on the results of the  
7 assessment. The report shall include the recommendations  
8 of the Secretary with respect to any legislative or regu-  
9 latory actions the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR STATE APPROVING AGEN-**  
11 **CIES.**

12 Section 3671 of title 38, United States Code, is  
13 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14 section:

15 “(d) The authority of the Secretary to recognize a  
16 State department or agency as the State approving agency  
17 for a State for purposes of this chapter or chapter 34 or  
18 35 of this title shall be authorized until October 1, 2028,  
19 and after such time any provisions of this chapter or chap-  
20 ter 34 or 35 of this title which refer to the State approving  
21 agency shall, with respect to such State, be deemed to  
22 refer to the Secretary.”.