

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–**

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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_\_. REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITU-**  
2 **TIONS THAT RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**  
3 **ANCE FROM PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY**  
4 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 36 of  
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new section:

8 **“§ 3699C. Restoration of entitlement for pursuit of**  
9 **courses or programs of education at cer-**  
10 **tain educational institutions**

11 “(a) RESTORATION OF ENTITLEMENT.—The Sec-  
12 retary shall determine that any payment of covered edu-  
13 cational assistance for the pursuit by a covered individual  
14 of a course or program of education at an educational in-  
15 stitution occurring during a period set forth under sub-  
16 section (b) is not—

1 “(1) charged against any entitlement of the  
2 covered individual to the covered educational assist-  
3 ance; or

4 “(2) counted against the aggregate period for  
5 which section 3695 of this title limits the receipt of  
6 educational assistance by the covered individual.

7 “(b) COVERED PERIODS.—A period set forth under  
8 this subsection with respect to a course or program of edu-  
9 cation pursued by a covered individual at an educational  
10 institution is any of the following:

11 “(1) Any period, occurring on or after the date  
12 of enactment of the Student Veteran Benefit Res-  
13 toration Act of 2025, in which the educational insti-  
14 tution was not approved by a State approving agen-  
15 cy or the Secretary acting as a State approving  
16 agency, including periods in which an educational in-  
17 stitution is not approved because an approval is re-  
18 voked.

19 “(2) Any period, occurring on or after the date  
20 of enactment of the Student Veteran Benefit Res-  
21 toration Act of 2025, with regards to which the Sec-  
22 retary has made a final determination that the edu-  
23 cational institution, or the owner of the educational  
24 institution, was in violation during such period of an  
25 applicable provision of section 3696 of this title.

1           “(3) Any period, occurring on or after the date  
2           of enactment of the Student Veteran Benefit Res-  
3           toration Act of 2025, during which a court of com-  
4           petent jurisdiction found the educational institution  
5           guilty of, or liable for, fraud.

6           “(4) Any period, occurring on or after the date  
7           of enactment of the Student Veteran Benefit Res-  
8           toration Act of 2025, during which the educational  
9           institution was closed by the Department of Justice  
10          on the basis of fraud or a violation of a provision of  
11          Federal or State law.

12          “(5) Any period occurring on or after the date  
13          of enactment of the Student Veteran Benefit Res-  
14          toration Act of 2025—

15                 “(A) during which the educational institu-  
16                 tion engaged in fraud; and

17                 “(B) after which the educational institu-  
18                 tion closes.

19          “(c) REPAYMENT OF FUNDS.—(1) As a condition of  
20          the approval of a course or program of education under  
21          this chapter, the educational institution offering the  
22          course or program shall agree that if the educational insti-  
23          tution receives payment of covered educational assistance  
24          for a covered individual to pursue a course or program  
25          of education at the educational institution and the Sec-

1   retary, pursuant to subsection (a), restores to such cov-  
2   ered individual some portion of the entitlement of the cov-  
3   ered individual to such covered educational assistance, the  
4   educational institution shall repay to the Secretary the  
5   amount of that portion of the covered educational assist-  
6   ance that the educational institution received for that indi-  
7   vidual.

8       “(2) In the case of an educational institution that has  
9   been found guilty of, or liable for, fraud by a court of com-  
10   petent jurisdiction and is ordered to pay financial relief  
11   to the Federal Government, the Secretary may file a claim  
12   with the Department of the Treasury for recoupment of  
13   all amounts of educational assistance received by such  
14   educational institution pursuant to the educational assist-  
15   ance programs administered by the Secretary that the  
16   Secretary determines were obtained through such fraud.

17       “(d) APPEALS.—(1) The Secretary shall establish a  
18   process by which an educational institution or the owner  
19   of an educational institution that is subject to a finding  
20   by the Secretary that the educational institution is re-  
21   quired to repay an amount under subsection (c) may re-  
22   quest a review of such finding.

23       “(2) The process established pursuant to paragraph  
24   (1) shall be distinct and separate from the process estab-  
25   lished under section 3696(i) of this title.

1 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) The term ‘covered educational assistance’  
3 means educational assistance under chapter 30, 31,  
4 32, 33, or 35 of this title, or chapter 1606 or 1607  
5 of title 10.

6 “(2) The term ‘covered individual’ means a vet-  
7 eran or other individual using covered educational  
8 assistance to pursue a course or program of edu-  
9 cation that has been approved under this chapter.

10 “(3) The term ‘fraud’ means fraud or another  
11 false, misleading, or deceptive act or omission.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
13 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
14 after the item relating to section 3699B the following new  
15 item:

“3699C. Restoration of entitlement for pursuit of courses or programs of edu-  
cation at certain educational institutions.”.

