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Page 175, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 575. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION
OF TRAINING FOR SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIALS.

(a) In General.—Subchapter I of chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3674A the following new section:

“§ 3674B. Training for school certifying officials

“(a) Training Curriculum.—The Secretary, in consultation with the National Association of State Approving Agencies, State approving agencies, the National Association of Veterans’ Program Administrators, and school certifying officials, shall establish and provide a standard training curriculum for school certifying officials regarding administrative responsibilities relating to the educational assistance programs of the Department.

“(b) Contents.—The training curriculum required under subsection (a) shall include training related to each of the following:
“(1) Certification and recertification for the educational assistance programs of the Department.

“(2) Certification and recertification for tutoring assistance and meeting the voluntary requirements of Executive Order 13607.

“(3) Standards and process for establishing and maintaining the approval of courses of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department.

“(4) The Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program under section 3317 of this title.

“(5) The calculation and distribution of payments under the educational assistance programs of the Department.

“(6) Common ways to assist individuals entitled to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary in using such entitlement.

“(c) PROVISION OF TRAINING.—The training curriculum required by subsection (a) shall be provided through an internet website or taught at a conference sponsored by the Department.

“(d) REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIALS.—The Secretary shall require, as a condition of the approval of a course of education under this chapter, that the school cer-
tifying official of the educational institution offering such
course—
“(1) completes the training curriculum required
under subsection (a)—
“(A) by not later than 30 days after first
being designated as a school certifying official;
and
“(B) not less often than once during every
subsequent two-year period; and
“(2) upon completion of the training cur-
riculum, earns a score of at least 75 percent on a
multiple choice exam designed to test the knowledge
of the official with the subjects covered in the train-
ing curriculum.
“(e) School Certifying Official Defined.—In
this section, the term ‘school certifying official’ means an
official of an educational institution designated to sign or
report Department enrollment certifications, certifications
of change in student status, certifications of delivery of
advance payments, certifications of pursuit, attendance,
flight training, on-the-job or apprenticeship training (as
applicable), or other certifications of enrollment or to sign
the school portion of the application and enrollment cer-
tification for individualized tutorial assistance.
“(f) **FUNDING.**—No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section. This section shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Veterans Affairs.”.

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 3674A the following new item:

“3674B. Training for school certifying officials.”.