

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. MORENO, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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, is amended—

7 (1) in the matter before item (aa), by inserting
8 “that requires regular and substantive interaction
9 between students and instructors” after “study”;
10 and

11 (2) by amending item (bb) to read as follows:

12 “(bb) an institution of high-
13 er education (as defined in sec-
14 tion 102 of the Higher Education
15 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002))
16 that is participating in a student
17 financial assistance program au-
18 thorized by title IV of that Act;
19 and”.

20 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
21 section (a) shall apply with respect to any quarter, semes-
22 ter, or term, as applicable, that begins on or after August
23 1, 2025.