

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 357

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself and Mr. MICHAUD) 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 “GI Bill Tuition Fair-
5 ness Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL OF COURSES OF EDUCATION PROVIDED**
2 **BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-**
3 **CATION FOR PURPOSES OF EDUCATIONAL**
4 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY**
5 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CONDI-**
6 **TIONAL ON IN-STATE TUITION RATE FOR**
7 **VETERANS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3679 of title 38, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sub-
12 title, the Secretary or the Secretary’s designee shall dis-
13 approve a course of education provided by a public institu-
14 tion of higher education unless the institution charges tui-
15 tion and fees for a veteran at the same rate as the institu-
16 tion charges for residents of the State in which the institu-
17 tion is located, regardless of the veteran’s State of resi-
18 dence. The Secretary shall notify the State approving
19 agency of the Secretary’s disapproval of a course of edu-
20 cation under this subsection.”.

21 (b) TREATMENT OF ENROLLED BENEFITS RECIPI-
22 ENTS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a veteran or
24 eligible person who is enrolled before August 1,
25 2014, in a course of education provided by a public
26 institution of higher education that was approved

1 under chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, at
2 the time of the initial enrollment of the veteran or
3 eligible person but that is disapproved by the Sec-
4 retary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary's des-
5 ignee by reason of subsection (c) of section 3679 of
6 such title, the Secretary shall treat such institution
7 as an institution that is approved under such chap-
8 ter for purposes of the laws administered by the Sec-
9 retary with respect to the veteran or eligible person
10 until the veteran or eligible person completes the
11 course of education in which the veteran or eligible
12 person is enrolled.

13 (2) TERMINATION.—

14 (A) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in
15 subparagraph (B), the Secretary of Veterans
16 Affairs may not treat such an institution as an
17 approved institution under paragraph (1) after
18 August 1, 2018.

19 (B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive
20 the limitation under subparagraph (A) if the
21 Secretary determines such a waiver is appro-
22 priate.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (c) of section
24 3679 of title 38, United States Code, as added by sub-

1 section (a) shall apply with respect to educational assist-
2 ance provided after August 1, 2014.

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