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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2020

Mrs. LURIA (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) 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 “Transparency for Stu-
5 dent Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN STUDENT OUTCOME IN-**
2 **FORMATION IN GI BILL COMPARISON TOOL**
3 **OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3698 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(4)(A) The Secretary shall enter into a memo-
10 randum of understanding with the Secretary of Education,
11 the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Labor, the Di-
12 rector of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the
13 Director of the Census Bureau, and the Commissioner of
14 the Internal Revenue Service under which the Secretaries,
15 the Directors, and the Commissioner shall provide to the
16 Secretary of Veterans Affairs the following information
17 about student outcomes with respect to students who are
18 veterans, members of the Armed Forces, or dependents
19 of veterans or members of the Armed Forces at edu-
20 cational institutions:

21 “(i) Persistence rate.

22 “(ii) Course and program completion rates.

23 “(iii) Transfer-out rate.

24 “(iv) Graduation rate.

1 “(v) Number and type of each of the following
2 completed credentials, degrees, and certificates, ex-
3 pressed separately:

4 “(I) Credentials.

5 “(II) Certificates.

6 “(III) Associates degrees.

7 “(IV) Bachelors degrees.

8 “(V) Postbaccalaureate degrees.

9 “(vi) Average number of years to complete each
10 of the credentials, degrees, and certificates referred
11 to in clause (v).

12 “(vii) Employment rates of graduates and of in-
13 dividuals who attended but did not complete a de-
14 gree or certificate program.

15 “(viii) Median earnings for graduates.

16 “(ix) Average salary for graduates with each
17 major or certificate available at the institution.

18 “(x) Median amount of Federal student loans
19 expressed separately for—

20 “(I) individuals who completed a creden-
21 tial, degree, or certificate; and

22 “(II) individuals who attended a program
23 of education leading to a credential, degree, or
24 certificate but did not complete a credential, de-
25 gree, or certificate.

1 “(xi) Student loan default rate.

2 “(xii) Student loan repayment rates and the
3 proportion of student loans in deferment or forbear-
4 ance, expressed separately for—

5 “(I) individuals who completed a creden-
6 tial, degree, or certificate; and

7 “(II) individuals who attended a program
8 of education leading to a credential, degree, or
9 certificate but did not complete a credential, de-
10 gree, or certificate.

11 “(xiii) Types of student loan repayment plans,
12 expressed separately for—

13 “(I) individuals who completed a creden-
14 tial, degree, or certificate; and

15 “(II) individuals who attended a program
16 of education leading to a credential, degree, or
17 certificate but did not complete a credential, de-
18 gree, or certificate.

19 “(B) The information required under subparagraph
20 (A) shall be expressed separately for students who are vet-
21 erans, students who are members of the Armed Forces,
22 and students who are dependents of veterans or members
23 of the Armed Forces.”; and

24 (B) in paragraph (1)(C)—

1 (i) in clause (xi), by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (ii) in clause (xii), by striking the pe-
4 riod and inserting “; and”; and

5 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new clause:

7 “(xiii) the student outcome information
8 collected pursuant to paragraph (4).”;

9 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
10 section (g); and

11 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
12 lowing new subsection (f):

13 “(f) PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.—To the extent prac-
14 ticable, the Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan
15 to protect the personally identifiable information of indi-
16 viduals when providing information on aggregate student
17 outcomes under this section.”.

18 (b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—

19 (1) MOU DEADLINE.—Not later than 24
20 months after the date of the enactment of this Act—

21 (A) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
22 enter into the memoranda of understanding re-
23 quired by subsection (c)(4) of section 3698 of
24 title 38, United States Code, as added by sub-
25 section (a); and

1 (B) collect the data on student outcomes
2 required to be provided pursuant to such memo-
3 randa of understanding.

4 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 12 months after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 shall provide to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs
7 of the House of Representatives a briefing on the
8 implementation of such memoranda of this Act and
9 the amendments made by this Act.

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