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H. R. 5047

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Labor to provide information to veterans and members of the Armed Forces about articulation agreements between institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Veterans’
3 Educational Choice Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
5 **OF INFORMATION ON ARTICULATION AGREE-**
6 **MENTS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
7 **LEARNING.**

8 (a) **INFORMATION.**—Department of Veterans Affairs
9 counselors who provide educational or vocational coun-
10 seling services pursuant to section 3697A of title 38,
11 United States Code, shall provide to any eligible individual
12 who requests such counseling services information about
13 the articulation agreements of each institution of higher
14 learning in which the veteran is interested.

15 (b) **CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY.**—When the Sec-
16 retary of Veterans Affairs provides to a veteran a certifi-
17 cation of eligibility for educational assistance provided by
18 the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary shall
19 also include detailed information on such educational as-
20 sistance, including information on requesting education
21 counseling services and on articulation agreements.

22 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

23 (1) The term “institution of higher learning”
24 has the meaning given such term in section 3452(f)
25 of title 38, United States Code.

1 (2) The term “articulation agreement” has the
2 meaning given such term in section 486A of the
3 Higher Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89–329;
4 20 U.S.C. 1093a).

5 (d) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
6 retary of Veterans Affairs shall implement this section not
7 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 30,
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.