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To restore entitlement to educational assistance under Veterans Rapid Retraining Program in cases of a closure of an educational institution or a disapproval of a program of education, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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 Rapid Re-
5 training Assistance Program Restoration and Recovery
6 Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF ENTITLEMENT UNDER VETERANS**
2 **RAPID RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8006 of the American
4 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2), as amended
5 by the Training in High-demand Roles to Improve Veteran
6 Employment Act (Public Law 117–16), is further amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by redesignating subsection (n) as sub-
9 section (o); and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (m), the fol-
11 lowing new subsection (n):

12 “(n) EFFECTS OF CLOSURE OF AN EDUCATIONAL IN-
13 STITUTION OR DISAPPROVAL OF A PROGRAM OF EDU-
14 CATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any payment of retraining
16 assistance under subsection (d)(1) shall not be
17 charged against any entitlement to retraining assist-
18 ance described in subsection (a) if the Secretary de-
19 termines that an individual was unable to complete
20 a course or program of education as a result of —

21 “(A) the closure of an educational institu-
22 tion; or

23 “(B) the disapproval of a program of edu-
24 cation by the State approving agency or the
25 Secretary when acting in the role of the State
26 approving agency.

1 “(2) PERIOD NOT CHARGED.—The period for
2 which, by reason of this subsection, retraining assist-
3 ance is not charged shall be equal to the full amount
4 of retraining assistance provided for enrollment in
5 the program of education.

6 “(3) HALT OF PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN EDU-
7 CATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—In the event of a closure
8 or disapproval, as described in paragraph (1), the
9 educational institution shall not receive any further
10 payments under subsection (d).

11 “(4) RECOVERY OF FUNDS.—In the event of a
12 closure or disapproval, as described in paragraph
13 (1), any payment already made under subsection (d)
14 to the educational institution shall be considered an
15 overpayment and constitute a liability of such insti-
16 tution to the United States.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—In subsection
18 (b)(3) of such section, strike the period and insert “, ex-
19 cept for an individual described in subsection (n).”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall apply as if included in the American Res-
22 cue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2).

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