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H. R. 1793

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enrollment of veterans in certain courses of education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 Priority Enrollment Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY ENROLLMENT FOR VETERANS IN CER-**
2 **TAIN COURSES OF EDUCATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 36 of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3680A
5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 3680B. Priority enrollment in certain courses**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an educational
8 assistance program provided for in chapter 30, 31, 32, 33,
9 or 35 of this title or chapter 1606 or 1607 of title 10,
10 if an educational institution administers a priority enroll-
11 ment system that allows certain students to enroll in
12 courses earlier than other students, the Secretary or a
13 State approving agency may not approve a program of
14 education offered by such institution unless such institu-
15 tion allows a covered individual to enroll in courses at the
16 earliest possible time pursuant to such priority enrollment
17 system.

18 “(b) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
19 tion, the term ‘covered individual’ means an individual
20 using educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, 32, 33,
21 or 35 of this title or chapter 1606 or 1607 of title 10,
22 including—

23 “(1) a veteran;

24 “(2) a member of the Armed Forces serving on
25 active duty or a member of a reserve component (in-
26 cluding the National Guard);

1 “(3) a dependent to whom such assistance has
2 been transferred pursuant to section 3319 of this
3 title; and

4 “(4) any other individual using such assist-
5 ance.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
8 after the item relating to section 3680A the following new
9 item:

“3680B. Priority enrollment in certain courses.”.

