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# S. 1634

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

Mr. TESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES RELATING TO**  
2 **APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION**  
3 **FOR PURPOSES OF EDUCATION BENEFITS**  
4 **ADMINISTERED BY SECRETARY OF VET-**  
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) REPEAL OF CONSTRUCTIVE APPROVAL OF CER-  
7 TAIN COURSES.—Section 3672(b)(2)(A) of title 38,  
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by striking clauses (i) and (iv); and

10 (2) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as  
11 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

12 (b) APPROVAL OF ACCREDITED COURSES.—Section  
13 3675 of such title is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “The Sec-  
15 retary or a State approving agency may approve ac-  
16 credited programs (including non-degree accredited  
17 programs) offered by proprietary for-profit edu-  
18 cational institutions” and inserting “A State approv-  
19 ing agency may approve the courses offered by an  
20 educational institution”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “the Secretary  
22 or” both places it appears.

23 (c) DISAPPROVAL OF COURSES.—Section 3679(a) of  
24 such title is amended by striking “the Secretary or” both  
25 places it appears.