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PROUDLY SERVING VETERANS IN KENTUCKY'S THIRD DISTRICT



# H.R. 3981 – THE ISAKSON-ROE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT EXPANSION ACT

CO-LEAD: REP. MIKE LEVIN (CA-49)

## ENDORSEMENTS

*The American Legion, Black Veterans Empowerment Council, Black Veterans Project, Blinded Veterans Association, Blue Star Families, Combined Arms, Common Defense, Disabled American Veterans, Military Family Advisory Network, Military-Veterans Advocacy, Modern Military Association of America, National Guard Association of the United States, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Service to School, Student Veterans of America, National Military Families Association, Veterans Education Success, Veterans for Common Sense, Veterans for Peace, and Vietnam Veterans of America.*

## BACKGROUND

*Many of our Nation's veterans have earned federal support to help pay for college, graduate school, and training programs through their GI Bill education benefits. They can even transfer unused benefits to family members in certain cases. Unfortunately, some predatory programs have exploited veterans by aggressively attracting them and their GI Bill benefits to fraudulent, falsified, or substandard programs. The comprehensive Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 seeks to rein in these abuses by increasing the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) oversight capacity and restoring benefits to defrauded veterans. Representative McGarvey's Isakson-Roe Education Oversight Expansion Act builds on the successes of Isakson-Roe to improve oversight, foster accountability, and most of all, help our veterans access the quality education they have earned.*

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

*This legislation has two main components:*

*1) (a) Additional Requirement for Approval*

*(b) Additional Requirement for Approval of Nonaccredited Courses*

*(c) Additional Grounds for Suspension of Approval*

- These three provisions strengthen the reporting requirements of educational entities that are recipients of GI Bill education benefits. This bill would require educational entities to preemptively report any non-compliance within 30 days; schools that have not reported noncompliance and are found in violation of compliance may face additional penalties.*

*2) (d) Deadline for Risk-Based Surveys Database*

- This portion requires the VA to create a previously mandated database of risk-based surveys within half a year (180 days). Risk-based surveys of educational entities receiving federal funds ensure that these programs are legitimate, accurately advertised, and properly serving their veteran populations.*

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