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Purpose: To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and report on barriers faced by student veterans pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math.


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To promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ____________ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. GARDNER

Viz:

1 On page 8, after line 6, add the following:

2 SEC. 4. COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

3 STUDY AND REPORT ON BARRIERS FACED BY

4 STUDENT VETERANS PURSUING DEGREES IN

5 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, OR

6 MATH.

7 (a) STUDY.—Not later than August 1, 2022, the

8 Comptroller General of the United States shall complete

9 a study on academic success rates of student veterans pur-
suing covered degrees and barriers faced by such students
in pursuing such degrees.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection
(a) shall include the following:

(1) Assessment of available information on the
percentage or number of student veterans pursuing
a covered degree with educational assistance furn-
ished under chapter 33 of title 38, United States
Code.

(2) Assessment of available information on the
percentage or number of such students who pursue
a covered degree and do not obtain such degree in
four or fewer academic years.

(3) Identification of the reasons that such stu-
dents do not obtain such degree in four or fewer
academic years and whether such reasons are bar-
riers to obtaining such degrees.

(4) Development of recommendations for legis-
lative or administrative action to better align the
educational assistance furnished under chapter 33 of
title 38, United States Code, with the needs of such
students and address the reasons identified under
paragraph (3).

(c) REPORT.—Not later than August 1, 2022, the
Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on
the findings of the Comptroller General with respect to the study completed under subsection (a), along with recommendations for such legislative or administrative action as the Comptroller General considers appropriate.

(d) DEFINITION OF COVERED DEGREE.—In this section, the term “covered degree” means a standard, undergraduate college degree in a field listed under section 3320(b)(4)(A)(i) of title 38, United States Code.