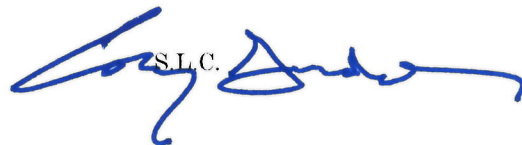


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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.**

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

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. GARDNER

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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-

1 suing covered degrees and barriers faced by such students  
2 in pursuing such degrees.

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

5 (1) Assessment of available information on the  
6 percentage or number of student veterans pursuing  
7 a covered degree with educational assistance fur-  
8 nished under chapter 33 of title 38, United States  
9 Code.

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

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

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

24 (c) REPORT.—Not later than August 1, 2022, the  
25 Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on

1 the findings of the Comptroller General with respect to  
2 the study completed under subsection (a), along with rec-  
3 ommendations for such legislative or administrative action  
4 as the Comptroller General considers appropriate.

5 (d) DEFINITION OF COVERED DEGREE.—In this sec-  
6 tion, the term “covered degree” means a standard, under-  
7 graduate college degree in a field listed under section  
8 3320(b)(4)(A)(i) of title 38, United States Code.