Choice Act - Section 702 GI Bill In State Tuition

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Overview

- PL 113-146 – Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (Section 702)
Section 702 - Requires VA to disapprove programs of education under the Post 9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty at public institutions of higher learning if the school charges qualifying Veterans and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students for terms beginning after July 1st, 2015

- VA cannot compel a school to charge covered individuals the in-State rates
- VA will disapprove the impacted programs if school does not charge in-State rates
- Covered individuals (Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bills Only):
  - Veterans who enroll within 3 years of discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty
  - Spouses and Children using transferred entitlement within 3 years of the transferor’s discharge after serving 90 days or more on active duty
  - Surviving Spouses or Children under the Fry Scholarship who enroll within 3 years of an active duty Servicemember’s death in the line of duty after serving 90 days or more
  - Once enrolled, individuals remain covered as long as they are continuously enrolled at the same school
Section 702 – Progress

• **October 29, 2014** – USB sent letter and compliance guide to State Governors – To date, VA has received formal responses from two states (SD, NV) stating intent to comply

• **November 3, 2014** – Fact Sheet posted on GI Bill website

• **November 3, 2014** – DUSEO sent mass email providing information on Section 702

• **November 3, 2014** – OIT requirements and funding in work

• **November 28, 2014** – Requested response deadline from states

• **As of December 8, 2014** – VA has verified that all states received the letter and has received responses from 28 states, all of which intend to comply (AL, AR, AZ, DE, ID, IA, KY, MD, MA, MN, MS, MT, NC, ND, NV, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI)… 18 States have not responded or contacted VA (AK, CT, DC, FL, GA, GU, HI, IL, IN, KS, ME, MO, NM, PA, RI, SC, VT, VI)