Policy Summary: Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 section 1018 provides updates to requirements for education institutions participating in the education assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Scope: This policy applies to all students receiving education assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Policy Statement:
The Office of Veterans Affairs along with Financial Aid will:

- Inform an enrolled covered individual of the availability of federal financial aid, not administered by VA that is offered by the institution.
- Alert the individual of the potential eligibility for other federal financial aid before packaging or arranging student loans or alternative financing.
- Prohibit automatic renewal of a covered individual in a course and/or programs.
- Ensure each covered individual approves of the enrollment in a course.
- Allow enrolled members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components and National Guard to be readmitted if such members are temporarily unavailable or must suspend enrollment by reason of serving in the Armed Forces.
- Accommodate short absences for such services in the Armed Forces.

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