

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**Resolution No. 11: GI Bill Risk Based Survey
Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission
Submitted by: Veterans Employment & Education Commission**

WHEREAS, Educational benefits make student veterans attractive targets for unscrupulous higher education providers; and

WHEREAS, Enrollment in institutions of higher education using Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits increased to more than one million students in 2014 alone and the federal government spends over \$15 billion a year for veterans and their family members to attend college; and

WHEREAS, Congress in 2017 passed the Harry W. Colmery Act, which included provisions that directed state approving agencies (SAAs) to conduct “risk-based surveys” to evaluate whether a school’s programs were likely to leave students better or worse off, and if taxpayers were getting a good return on their investment; and

WHEREAS, The Isakson Roe Act of 2020 specified minimum requirements for risk-based surveys and further specified that SAAs would conduct only these types of reviews beginning October 2022; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA) created a first-of-its-kind institutional risk model and has successfully conducted a nationwide pilot to test and refine that model; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 6-7, 2021, That the Department of Veterans Affairs promptly adopt and deploy nationally a risk-based survey model to protect our veterans and the integrity of the GI Bill Educational Program.