

**NINETY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
August 30, 31, September 1, 2016**

**Resolution No. 327: Support Further Assessment and Evaluation of Institutions of Higher Learning to Enable Veterans to Make Informed Education Choices  
Origin: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education  
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education**

WHEREAS, Military and student-veterans are targeted for deceptive and aggressive recruiting – as documented by U.S. Senate reports and two undercover U.S. Government Accountability Office investigations – because of a loophole in federal education law through which the GI Bill and Defense Department student program funds are able to be counted as “private funds” to offset a cap the schools face on federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Some institutions of higher learning have engaged in fraudulent and improper recruiting activities; and

WHEREAS, Learning outcome-assessment has become the basis for determining institutional effectiveness; however, the availability of valid, widely accepted tools and methods needed to determine learning and skill acquisition are proving hard to come by; and

WHEREAS, The GI Bill Comparison Tool offers veterans an unprecedented amount of information data to determine education choices; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion support oversight and legislation evaluating post-secondary education institutions on quality factors, such as, but not limited to, accreditation, transferability, cost, graduation rates, and acceptance in the job market; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion pursue opportunities to educate service member and student-veterans on selection and attendance at post-secondary education institutions; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion supports efforts to expand and further disseminate the Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill Comparison Tool.**