

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3221
OFFERED BY MR. TONKO OF NEW YORK**

Page 30, beginning on line 9, strike “this part” and insert “sections 781 through 783”.

Page 30, line 13, strike the end quotes and the period following.

Page 30, after line 13, insert the following:

1 **“SEC. 785. VETERANS RESOURCE OFFICER GRANTS.**

2 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From the amount ap-
3 propriated to carry out this section, the Secretary shall
4 award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible institu-
5 tions of higher education to hire a Veterans Resource Offi-
6 cer to increase the college completion rates for veterans
7 enrolled at such institutions.

8 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-
10 cation.—The term ‘eligible institution of higher
11 education’ means an institution of higher education
12 that has an enrollment of at least 100 full-time
13 equivalent students who are veterans.

1 “(2) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS.—The
2 term ‘full-time equivalent students’ has the meaning
3 given such term in section 312(e).

4 “(3) VETERAN.—The term ‘veteran’ has the
5 meaning give such term in section 480(c).

6 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
7 under this section, an eligible institution of higher edu-
8 cation shall submit an application at such time, in such
9 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
10 shall require.

11 “(d) USES OF FUNDS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution of
13 higher education receiving a grant under this section
14 shall use such grant to hire 1 or 2 Veterans Re-
15 source Officers (in the case of an institution that
16 has an enrollment of at least 200 full-time equiva-
17 lent students who are veterans) to serve in the office
18 of campus programs, or a similar office, at such in-
19 stitution and carry out the activities described in
20 paragraph (2).

21 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—A Veterans Resource Officer
22 shall carry out activities at an eligible institution of
23 higher education to help increase the completion
24 rates for veterans enrolled at such institution, which
25 shall include the following activities:

1 “(A) Serving as a link between student
2 veterans and the university staff.

3 “(B) Serving as a link between student
4 veterans and local facilities of the Department
5 of Veterans Affairs.

6 “(C) Organizing and advising student vet-
7 erans organization.

8 “(D) Organizing veterans oriented group
9 functions and events.

10 “(E) Maintaining newsletters and
11 listserves to distribute news and information to
12 all student veterans.

13 “(F) Organizing new student veterans
14 campus orientation.

15 “(G) Ensuring that the Department of
16 Veterans Affairs certifying official at such insti-
17 tution is properly trained.

18 “(3) PRIORITY.—To the extent practicable,
19 each institution described in paragraph (1) shall give
20 priority to hiring a veteran to serve as a Veterans
21 Resource Officer.”.

