

**NINETY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Reno, Nevada
August 22, 23, 24, 2017**

**Resolution No. 78: Support Greater GI Bill Outcomes by Closing 90-10 Loophole
Origin: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education**

WHEREAS, The American Legion wants to ensure that student-veterans and their family members using the Post-9/11 GI Bill and military student programs achieve educational success and a positive transition to the civilian workforce; and

WHEREAS, Under current law, for-profit colleges may receive no more than 90 percent of their revenues from federal aid, but military education events in order to ensure colleges are not funded solely by federal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Under current law, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) funds and Department of Defense (DOD) funds are counted as private dollars on the 10 percent side, allowing schools to count GI Bill and Department of Defense tuition assistance as private dollars on the 10 percent side, resulting in aggressive recruitment of veterans and servicemembers; and

WHEREAS, Veterans and military students are targeted for deceptive and aggressive recruiting – as documented by many major news outlets, including an Emmy-nominated PBS NewsHour expose, as well as 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 DOD student program funds are able to be counted as “private funds” to offset a cap the schools face on federal funds; and

WHEREAS, In December 2016, the Department of Education issued a report that 191 colleges receive more than 90 percent of their revenue from federal student aid, GI Bill education benefits, and DOD education programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Reno, Nevada, August 22, 23, 24, 2017, That The American Legion expresses its strong support for legislation and federal agency action to ensure better quality and student outcomes for institutions approved for use of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits by excluding Department of Defense and VA funds from the 90/10 calculation as defined by section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act.