

RESOLUTION
National Headquarters, The American Legion
One-Hundred and Third Annual National Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 30, 31, September 1, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 18

SUBJECT: QUALITY EDUCATION FOR GI BILL BENEFICIARIES

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Millions of veterans have pursued higher education through various GI Bill programs since the enactment of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944; and

WHEREAS, Veterans utilize their hard-earned benefits to successfully transition from military service to gainful employment through acquiring necessary skills and education obtained through postsecondary institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Amongst the top ten institutions of higher education receiving GI Bill payments, only three spent more than one-third of student veterans gross tuition on their instruction from 2009-2017, according to Veterans Education Success (VES); and

WHEREAS, Expenditures on instruction include costs that directly contribute to student learning outcomes as determined by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, The amount of tuition and fees spent on instruction is highly formative of whether an institution of higher education can provide its students with gainful employment upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education categorizes, tracks, and reports academic instruction expenditures for U.S. institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, Many institutions of higher education receiving the largest share of GI Bill funding report a completion rate of less than fifty percent, leaving veterans without their sought-after credentials or degree and depleting their valuable educational benefits; and

WHEREAS, Institutions of higher education utilizing the highest percentage of GI Bill funding in their budgets consistently allocate GI Bill funds away from the delivery of education and towards unrelated discretionary spending that has a negligible impact on student learning outcomes; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 30, 31, September 1, 2022, That The American Legion supports legislation encouraging all institutions of higher education eligible for GI Bill benefit utilization to spend at least 50 percent of their gross tuition and fees on instruction expenditures.

This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by our Department but with National action substituted for local resolving clause.

Adjutant Barbara Lombrano

Department California

Other authorized source:

(To be used when resolution is submitted from another authorized source or to comply with Resolution 21, May 4-5, 2016)

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Approved Approved with Amendment Rejected Received and Recorded Consolidated with
Referred to Standing Commission or Committee on
Other Action
Signature of Chairman or Secretary _____

REGULATIONS

Based on the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of National Conventions of The American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee at its October 1956 meeting, the following regulations have been established for the procedure of Convention Resolutions:

1. Each must emanate from a Department after favorable action or from the National Executive Committee, or from any Convention Standing or Special Committee. Resolutions submitted in advance of the Convention by Departments and the National Executive Committee shall be filed with the National Adjutant, who shall refer them to the National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee.
2. The National Adjutant shall maintain a Convention register of all resolutions received, assigned and processed which shall identify each resolution by number, indicating the committee to which the resolution was referred and the originating source.

In submitting resolutions, the following points should be carefully observed:

- a. A resolution shall deal with only one subject. Do not attempt to deal with more than one subject in the RESOLVING clauses.
- b. All local RESOLVING clauses are to be omitted, substituting therein a clause resolving national action, i.e. the resolution as submitted should be worded for the National Convention as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 30, 31, September 1, 2022, That —

If the resolving clause is not stated as above (using convention business session dates) it necessitates having to re-write the resolution to show the proper resolving clause.

- c. Each resolution is to be worded in full, including all WHEREAS clauses as well as the RESOLVING clauses.
 - d. Each resolution is to be signed in black ink and the originating source clearly typewritten or indicated, unless it is submitted as a computer file. Then the originating source is to be placed in the footer of the form.
3. In accordance with Resolution No. 21, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 4-5, 2016, each resolution should be supported by the identification of the individual or group originating the resolution, and also by a written statement or brief containing the supporting arguments in favor of the action sought, and clearly establishing the material relevance of the subject to the purpose for which The American Legion was formed.
 4. In accordance with Resolution No. 50, adopted by the National Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on May 5-6, 1965, resolutions adopted by Departments and destined for consideration by the National Convention shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant, to be in his hands fourteen (14) days prior to the opening session of the National Convention. The only exception to this provision shall be in instances where Department Conventions are held at such time that it becomes physically impossible to comply with this provision, in which instances, the resolutions shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant immediately upon the adjournment of the Department Convention.
 5. The National Convention Resolutions Assignment Committee may return through the Secretary of the National Convention to the source, inappropriate or non-germane resolutions that may be resubmitted, when corrected, to the National Executive Committee or National Convention by the originator. Inappropriate or non-germane resolutions include, but are not limited to: Convention resolutions (1) containing more than one subject, (2) calling for or requiring the expenditure of funds, (3) containing personal attacks or derogatory characterizations, (4) outside the purview, (5) not pertinent or inappropriate for action by the National Convention or (6) unclear and undocumented. Deficient resolutions, once corrected, in order to be reconsidered, need to be resubmitted to the National Convention or National Executive Committee as provided in the National Constitution & By-Laws.