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General Comment

I am writing in response to the Federal Register Notice FR Doc. 2024-20785, which includes an Information Collection Request (ICR) regarding additional data from institutions with the 35% waiver from 85/15 reporting.

With the passage of the Ensuring the Best Schools for Veterans Act of 2022, accredited institutions of higher education with a total veteran student enrollment of less than 35% are statutorily exempt from monitoring, collecting, and reporting data related to the 85/15 regulations. Institutions must confirm the enrollment waiver every two years.

This issue has been discussed many times and has caused much confusion. Per the above stated act, the 85-15 exemption letter, and the information in the SCO handbook, accredited institutions that have the exemption do not have to monitor, collect or report 85-15 data including in a compliance survey for any term included the exemption period.

The ICR should be changed to reflect the law and not cause confusion for institutions like mine that strive to serve veteran students and ensure their GI Bill benefits help provide a valuable education.