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General Comment

Dear Ms. Glasgow:

I am writing in response to 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. We are grateful for the efforts by Kansas' U.S. Senator Jerry Moran as the lead sponsor for the Ensuring the Best Schools for Veterans Act.

Friends University averages approximately 60 VA students each semester, which equates to about 3% of our total student population. Therefore, the requirement to collect, keep, and report complete data on the 85/15 rule should be waived for institutions such as ours. The ICR undermines the waiver and places a reporting burden on accredited colleges and universities that enroll a very small percentage of students who are veterans.

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

Sincerely,
Friends University
Wichita, Kansas