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S. 1614

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2025

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. SHEEHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Authorizing Vocational
5 and Instructional Aviation Training for Eligible Veterans
6 Act of 2025” or the “AVIATE Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIR**
2 **TO APPROVE NON-DEGREE FLIGHT TRAINING**
3 **COURSES AS PART OF VOCATIONAL REHA-**
4 **BILITATION PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN VET-**
5 **ERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABIL-**
6 **ITIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3104(b) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “A rehabilitation
10 program”;

11 (2) by striking “To the maximum extent prac-
12 ticable” and inserting “Except as provided under
13 paragraph (2), to the maximum extent practicable”;
14 and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph:

17 “(2) Notwithstanding section 3680A(b) of this title,
18 the Secretary may approve a rehabilitation program for
19 a veteran under this chapter that includes the pursuit of
20 a course of flight training other than one given by an edu-
21 cational institution of higher learning for credit toward a
22 standard college degree the veteran is seeking.”.

23 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
24 section (a) shall apply with respect to a rehabilitation pro-
25 gram approved on or after August 1, 2025.