**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

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**103 Annual Department Convention**

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**Resolution No. 2022-024**

**Subject: Quality Education for GI Bill Beneficiaries**

**Origin: National Veterans Employment & Education Division**

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**RESOLUTION**

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&#39; gross tuition on their instruction from2009-2017, 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; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of California at Department**

**Convention assembled in Visalia California, June 24-26, 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.**

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