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VA recently launched the online GI Bill® Comparison Tool at

http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison, to make it easier for Veterans, Servicemembers and dependents to calculate their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and learn more about VA's approved colleges, universities and other education and training programs across the country. "We are pleased that post-9/11 Veterans are taking advantage of this significant benefit program," said Under Secretary for Benefits Allison A. Hickey. "The new GI Bill Comparison Tool will help future beneficiaries as they make decisions about what education or training program best fits their needs." The GI Bill Comparison Tool provides key information about college affordability and brings together information from more than 17 different online sources and three federal agencies, including the number of students receiving VA education benefits at each school. In related news, VA also instituted a GI Bill online complaint system designed to collect feedback from Veterans, Servicemembers and their families experiencing problems with the educational institutions that receive funds from Federal military and Veterans educational benefits programs; this includes benefits programs provided by the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the DoD Military Tuition Assistance Program. Information is available from MilitaryOneSource,

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/voluntary-education?content\_id=274604, and the GI Bill website at http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/feedback.asp.