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Honorable Howard Pyle
Governor of Arizona
Capitol Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Governor Pyle:

This will acknowledge your request of August 1, 1952, as to whether the Governor's Council for Veteran's Institutional and On-The-Job Training would be the proper department responsible for the approval of courses offered by educational institutions and by business establishments located in this state for the training of veterans eligible for training under the provisions of Public Law 550, 82nd Congress, entitled Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952.

Section 241 (a) of Part 5 of Title 2 of the Act provides:

"Unless otherwise established by the law of the State concerned, the chief executive of each State is requested to create or designate a State department or agency as the 'State approving agency' for his State for the purposes of this title."

A review of the statutes and the legislative acts discloses that no state approving agency has been created by the laws of this State.

The Governor's Council for Veteran's Institutional and On-The-Job Training was created by executive order by the Governor of this state on May 8, 1946. This agency was assigned the duties of approving or disapproving all applications for veteran's institutional or on-the-job training under the provisions of Public Law 346, as amended, and previous Veterans Readjustment Assistance Acts, also known as the G.I. Bill of Rights.

The above agency was created by the Governor for that specific purpose and is still functioning. The only legislative act referring to the Governor's On-The-Job Training Council was passed in the Third

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Special Session of the 17th Legislature, Chapter 11, and merely created a revolving fund to pay expenses for On-The-Job training for veterans under the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended.

This agency having been created by executive order, the Governor may assign additional duties to it. It is therefore our opinion that the Governor's Council for Veteran's Institutional and On-The-Job Training is the proper agency to be made responsible for the approval requested in letter of July 28, 1952, addressed to you by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

In this connection it is noted that Public Law 550, 82nd Congress, entitled Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, is not an amendment of previous veterans readjustment assistance acts, but is a separate and distinct act setting forth different criteria for the approval of courses offered by educational institutions and business establishments located in this state.

Very truly yours,

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