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## Obama order shields vets from colleges' shady practices

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WASHINGTON — Concerned about deceptive marketing practices that cheat veterans out of their GI Bill benefits, President Barack Obama on Friday signed an executive order aimed at marginalizing colleges with poor graduation rates and demanding better college comparison information for all student veterans.

According to senior administration officials, the order will limit college recruiters' access to military bases, develop a

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complaint system to track violations by schools, force colleges to provide graduation rates and student debt information, and crack down on institutions using the term "GI Bill" in their veterans outreach efforts.

Obama signed the bill during a stop at Fort Stewart in Georgia, where he met

with troops and their families during a private event.

"Every school and every business should be out there competing for your skills and your talent and your leadership, everything that you've shown in uniform," Obama told the group on Friday. "But as some of your comrades have discovered, sometimes you're dealing with folks who aren't interested in helping you. They're not interested in helping you find the best program. They are interested in getting the money."

The measure mirrors a host of bills

pending before Congress but bypasses the legislative process, which has been mired in partisan discord for months. Privately, both Republican and Democratic lawmakers have backed many of the ideas but said passing any legislation dealing with the problem was unlikely before November.

Administration officials said that action was needed sooner, to address a growing list of complaints by student veterans regarding unfulfilled promises and unexpected debt from colleges.

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## Realignment would shift 9,000 Marines across Pacific

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — After months of political wrangling, the U.S. and Japan on Friday unveiled a new accord on the layout of forces in the Pacific that aims to cut by half the controversial Marine Corps presence on Okinawa and redeploy about 9,000 Marines across the region.

But the new agreement has done nothing to change the deeply unpopular plan to relocate the Marine Corps' Futenma air station on Okinawa, which has stalled the realignment effort for years and caused political turmoil in Japan.

In a joint statement Friday, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and their Japanese counterparts called the current Futenma plan the "only viable option" and the two countries have agreed that it will now be handled separately from the rest of the realignment effort.

The realignment plan is an overhauled version of a 2006 U.S.-Japan accord that would have shifted about 8,600 Marines to the U.S. territory of Guam. It now calls for a military buildup of about 5,000 Marines on Guam, the redeployment of thousands of Marines to Hawaii, and the rotation of forces through Australia, according to a joint statement issued Friday.

If executed, the redeployment would be the most significant shift in U.S. forces here since World War II and a strategic rebalancing toward the Pacific after a decade of wars in the Middle East.

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Sgt. Gregory Leatherman works on his swing at Combat Outpost Sabari in Afghanistan's Khost province shortly before going on leave.