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# H. R. 3481

[Report No. 119-]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for electronic communication relating to educational assistance benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2025

Mr. BARRETT (for himself and Mr. TRAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 19, 2025]

# **A BILL**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for electronic communication relating to educational assistance benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

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 “Delivering Digitally to*  
5       *Our Veterans Act of 2025”.*

6       **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN OUTREACH UNDER**  
7                       **SOLID START PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF**  
8                       **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

9       *Section 6320(b) of title 38, United States Code, is*  
10       *amended—*

11               *(1) in paragraph (1)(B)—*

12                       *(A) by striking “calling” and inserting*  
13                       *“communicating with”; and*

14                       *(B) by inserting “through the use of tailored*  
15                       *lines of communication, including mailings, text*  
16                       *messaging, virtual chatting, and other electronic*  
17                       *forms of messaging” after “Armed Forces”; and*

18               *(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “tailored mail-*  
19       *ings” and inserting “tailored lines of communication,*  
20       *including mailings, text messaging, virtual chatting,*  
21       *and other electronic forms of messaging,”.*

1 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS USE OF TAI-**  
2 **LORED LINES OF COMMUNICATION FOR COR-**  
3 **RESPONDENCE RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL**  
4 **ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.**

5 *Section 3680 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-*  
6 *ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

7 *“(i)(1) The Secretary shall provide a mechanism by*  
8 *which an eligible veteran or eligible person may use tailored*  
9 *lines of communication to send and receive correspondence*  
10 *with the Department of Veterans related to entitlement to*  
11 *and use of educational assistance benefits under the laws*  
12 *administered by the Secretary. The Secretary shall ensure*  
13 *that an eligible veteran or eligible person is provided with*  
14 *an opportunity to opt into sending and receiving such cor-*  
15 *respondence using such lines of communication rather than*  
16 *by mail.*

17 *“(2) The Secretary shall provide to eligible veterans*  
18 *and eligible persons who are enrolled in a course or pro-*  
19 *gram of education or training notice of the opportunity to*  
20 *opt in to sending and receiving correspondence using tai-*  
21 *lored lines of communication pursuant to paragraph (1).*

22 *“(3) In this subsection, the term ‘tailored lines of com-*  
23 *munication’ includes mailings, text messaging, virtual*  
24 *chatting, and other electronic forms of messaging.”.*

1 ***SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF***  
2 ***PENSION.***

3 *Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code, is*  
4 *amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and inserting*  
5 *“January 31, 2033”.*