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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the work-study allowance program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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. IMPROVEMENT TO WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCE.—Subsection (a) of
6 section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Individuals”
2 and inserting “In accordance with paragraph (4), in-
3 dividuals”;

4 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and
5 (6) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively; and

6 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(4)(A) The Secretary shall carry out this section by
9 providing to educational institutions an annual amount for
10 the institution to use in paying work-study allowance
11 under paragraph (1) to individuals enrolled at the institu-
12 tion.

13 “(B) With respect to an educational institution that
14 participated in the work-study program under this section
15 during the academic year beginning August 1, 2018, the
16 Secretary shall determine the annual amount to provide
17 to the educational institution under subparagraph (A) as
18 follows:

19 “(i) For the academic year beginning August 1,
20 2020, the amount shall be the total amount the Sec-
21 retary paid under this section to individuals enrolled
22 at such educational institution during the academic
23 year beginning August 1, 2018.

24 “(ii) Except as provided by subparagraph
25 (D)(ii), for each academic year beginning on or after

1 August 1, 2021, the amount shall be the total
2 amount the educational institution paid under this
3 section for work-study allowance to individuals en-
4 rolled at such educational institution during the pre-
5 vious academic year in which individuals participated
6 in the work-study program.

7 “(C) With respect to an educational institution that
8 did not participate in the work-study program under this
9 section during the academic year beginning August 1,
10 2018, the Secretary shall determine the annual amount
11 to provide to the educational institution under subpara-
12 graph (A) as follows:

13 “(i) For the first academic year in which the
14 educational institution participates in the work-study
15 program beginning on or after August 1, 2020, the
16 amount shall be an amount the Secretary determines
17 appropriate based on amounts provided to similar
18 educational institutions pursuant to subparagraph
19 (B).

20 “(ii) Except as provided by subparagraph
21 (D)(ii), for each academic year occurring after the
22 academic year specified in clause (i), the amount
23 shall be the total amount the educational institution
24 paid under this section for work-study allowance to
25 individuals enrolled at such educational institution

1 during the previous academic year in which individ-
2 uals enrolled at such educational institution partici-
3 pated in the work-study program.

4 “(D)(i) If the Secretary provides an annual amount
5 to an educational institution under subparagraph (B) or
6 (C) that is more than the amount the educational institu-
7 tion pays to individuals under paragraph (1), the edu-
8 cational institution shall return to the Secretary the un-
9 paid amount and the Secretary shall transfer such amount
10 into the general fund of the Treasury.

11 “(ii) At any time an educational institution may re-
12 quest the Secretary to increase the annual amount that
13 the Secretary provides the educational institution under
14 subparagraph (B) or (C).

15 “(E) Pursuant to section 3690(e), section 3693, and
16 other provisions of chapter 36 of this title, the Secretary
17 shall ensure that educational institutions carry out the
18 work-study allowance program in compliance with this sec-
19 tion.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (e)(1)
21 of such section is amended by striking “subsection (a)(4)”
22 and inserting “subsection (a)(5)”.

23 (c) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
24 section shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or

1 term, as applicable, commencing on or after August 1,
2 2020.