

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3504
OFFERED BY MR. SABLAN OF NORTHERN
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Redesignate section 7 as section 8.

After section 6, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 7. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PREPARATORY COURSES**
2 **AS PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION FOR PUR-**
3 **POSES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PRO-**
5 **GRAMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3315A
8 the following new section:

9 **“§ 3315B. Preparatory courses for licensure, certifi-**
10 **cation, or national tests**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual entitled to edu-
12 cational assistance under this chapter shall also be entitled
13 to payment for a preparatory course for a licensing or cer-
14 tification test that is required or used to enter into, main-
15 tain, or advance in employment in a predetermined and
16 identified vocation or profession.

1 “(b) AMOUNT.—The amount of educational assist-
2 ance payable under this chapter for a course described in
3 subsection (a) is the lesser of—

4 “(1) the fee charged for the course; or

5 “(2) the amount of entitlement available to the
6 individual under this chapter at the time of payment
7 for the course under this section.

8 “(c) CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—The number
9 of months of entitlement charged an individual under this
10 chapter for a course described in subsection (a) shall be
11 pro-rated based on the actual amount of the fee charged
12 for the course relative to the rate for 1 month payable—

13 “(1) for the academic year beginning on August
14 1, 2020, \$1,460; or

15 “(2) for an academic year beginning on any
16 subsequent August 1, the amount for the previous
17 academic year beginning on August 1 under this
18 subsection, as increased by the percentage increase
19 equal to the most recent percentage increase deter-
20 mined under section 3015(h).”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
22 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
23 after the item relating to section 3315A the following new
24 item:

“3315B. Preparatory courses for licensure, certification, or national tests.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3532(g)
2 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or a pre-
4 preparatory course described in section 3315B(a) of
5 this title” after “or national test providing an oppor-
6 tunity for course credit at institutions of higher
7 learning described in section 3501(a)(5) of this
8 title”; and

9 (2) in paragraphs (2) and (3), by inserting “or
10 preparatory course” after “test” everywhere it ap-
11 pears.

12 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to months begin-
14 ning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

