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**H. R.** 6140

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Edith Nourse Rogers  
STEM Scholarship program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. UNDERWOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program.

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 “Veterans in STEM  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EDITH NOURSE ROGERS STEM SCHOLARSHIP PRO-**  
2 **GRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
3 **FAIRS.**

4 (a) CLARIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF ELIGI-  
5 BILITY.—Subsection (b)(4) of section 3320 of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding subclause (I),  
9 by inserting “, or a dual degree program that  
10 includes such an undergraduate college degree,”  
11 after “undergraduate college degree”;

12 (B) by striking subclause (IX); and

13 (C) by redesignating subclauses (X) and  
14 (XI) as subclauses (IX) and (X), respectively;

15 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

16 (A) by inserting “covered clinical training  
17 program for health care professionals or a” be-  
18 fore “program of education”; and

19 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
20 inserting “; or”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
22 paragraph:

23 “(C) is an individual who has earned a  
24 graduate degree in a field referred to in sub-  
25 paragraph (A)(i) and is enrolled in a covered

1           clinical training program for health care profes-  
2           sionals.”.

3           (b) PRIORITY.—Subsection (c) of such section is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5           “(c) PRIORITY.—(1) If the Secretary determines that  
6 there are insufficient funds available in a fiscal year to  
7 provide additional benefits under this section to all eligible  
8 individuals, the Secretary may give priority to the fol-  
9 lowing eligible individuals:

10           “(A) Individuals who require the most credit  
11 hours described in subsection (b)(4).

12           “(B) Individuals who are entitled to educational  
13 assistance under this chapter by reason of para-  
14 graph (1), (2), (8), or (9) of section 3311(b) of this  
15 title.

16           “(2) The Secretary shall give priority to individuals  
17 under paragraph (1) in the following order:

18           “(A) Individuals who are enrolled in a program  
19 of education leading to an undergraduate degree in  
20 a field referred to in subsection (b)(4)(A)(i).

21           “(B) Individuals who are enrolled in a program  
22 of education leading to a teaching certificate.

23           “(C) Individuals who are enrolled in a dual-de-  
24 gree program leading to both an undergraduate and

1 graduate degree in a field referred to in subsection  
2 (b)(4)(A)(i).

3 “(D) Individuals who have earned an under-  
4 graduate degree and are enrolled in a covered clin-  
5 ical training program for health care professionals.

6 “(E) Individuals who have earned a graduate  
7 degree and are enrolled in a covered clinical training  
8 program for health care professionals.”.

9 (c) AMOUNTS NOT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITA-  
10 TION.—Subsection (d) of such section is amended by add-  
11 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

12 “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
13 chapter or chapter 36 of this title, any additional benefits  
14 under this section may not be counted toward the aggre-  
15 gate period for which section 3695 of this title limits an  
16 individual’s receipt of allowance or assistance.”.

17 (d) COVERED CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM DE-  
18 FINED.—Such section is further amended by adding at the  
19 end the following new subsection:

20 “(h) COVERED CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM DE-  
21 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered clinical training  
22 program defined’ means any clinical training required by  
23 a health care professional to be licensed to practice in a  
24 State or locality.”.