

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6376
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Student Veteran Work
3 Study Modernization Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR A
5 CERTAIN WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE PAID BY
6 THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO
7 CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO PURSUE CER-
8 TAIN PROGRAMS ON AT LEAST A HALF-TIME
9 BASIS.**

10 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
11 fairs shall carry out a pilot program under which the Sec-
12 retary shall expand eligibility for the work-study allowance
13 under section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, to in-
14 dividuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation,
15 education, or training specified in subsection (b) of such
16 section at a rate equal to at least half of that required
17 of a full-time student.

1 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER WORK-STUDY INDI-
2 VIDUALS.—In carrying out the pilot program under sub-
3 section (a), the Secretary shall ensure the provisions of
4 section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, apply with
5 respect to the individuals specified in subsection (a) of this
6 section in the same manner as to the individuals specified
7 in subsection (b) of such section 3485, except with respect
8 to the requirement of at least three-quarter-time student
9 status.

10 (c) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
11 pilot program under subsection (a) during the five-year
12 period beginning on the date of the commencement of the
13 pilot program.

14 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING VETERANS WHO PAR-**
15 **TICIPATE IN WORK-STUDY.**

16 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary
18 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on
19 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-
20 tives a report regarding veterans who participate in work-
21 study. Such report shall include the following elements:

22 (1) The number of such veterans.

23 (2) The percentage of such veterans who obtain
24 a four-year degree.

1 (3) The number of such veterans who obtain
2 full-time work at the Department of Veterans Af-
3 fairs.

