

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5634
OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Flight Train-
3 ing Responsibility Act of 2026”.

**4 SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE WITH
5 POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE OF DE-
6 PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: FLIGHT
7 TRAINING; PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION CAR-
8 RIED OUT UNDER CONTRACT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3313 of title 38, United
10 States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (g)(3)(C), by striking “In the
12 case” and inserting “Subject to the limitation under
13 subsection (m), in the case”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(m) LIMITATION ON THE USE OF ENTITLEMENT
17 FOR FLIGHT TRAINING OR PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION
18 CARRIED OUT UNDER CONTRACT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of this chapter and subject to paragraphs
3 (2) and (3), the maximum amount payable under
4 this chapter to an individual, over the lifetime of the
5 individual, for tuition and fees for the pursuit of a
6 covered program of education, regardless of how
7 many such covered programs of education the indi-
8 vidual pursues, is—

9 “(A) in the case of an individual who first
10 pursues a covered program of education during
11 the academic year beginning on August 1,
12 2026, \$119,684; or

13 “(B) in the case of an individual who first
14 pursues a covered program of education during
15 an academic year beginning on August 1 of any
16 subsequent year, the amount in effect under
17 this subsection for the previous academic year
18 beginning on August 1, as increased by the per-
19 centage increase equal to the most recent per-
20 centage increase determined under section
21 3015(h) of this title.

22 “(2) PURSUIT ON LESS THAN A FULL-TIME
23 BASIS.—In the case of an individual who is entitled
24 to educational assistance under this chapter by rea-
25 son of any of paragraph (3) through (7) of section

1 3311(b) of this title, the maximum amount payable
2 under paragraph (1) is—

3 “(A) the amount in effect under paragraph
4 (1), multiplied by

5 “(B) the same percentage applicable to the
6 monthly amounts payable to the individual
7 under paragraphs (2) through (6) of subsection
8 (c).

9 “(3) PRIOR USE OF ENTITLEMENT.—In the
10 case of an individual who is entitled to educational
11 assistance under this chapter and who uses any of
12 such entitlement prior to the pursuit of a covered
13 program of education, the maximum amount payable
14 to the individual under this subsection is—

15 “(A) the maximum total amount in effect
16 under paragraph (1), minus

17 “(B) the amount of entitlement to edu-
18 cational assistance the individual used before
19 enrolling in such covered program of education.

20 “(4) COVERED PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DE-
21 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered pro-
22 gram of education’ means—

23 “(A) a program of flight training offered
24 by a public institution of higher learning that

1 leads to a degree, certificate, or other non-col-
2 lege degree; or

3 “(B) a program of education pursued at a
4 public institution of higher learning that has
5 entered into a contract or agreement with an
6 entity (other than another public institution of
7 higher learning) to provide such program of
8 education (or a portion of such program of edu-
9 cation).”.

10 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
11 section shall apply to academic years that begin on or after
12 August 1, 2026.

