

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 748

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide additional educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain eligible individuals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself and Ms. TITUS) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “GI Bill STEM Exten-  
5       sion Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER**  
2 **POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PRO-**  
3 **GRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
4 **FAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 33 of  
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new section:

8 **“§ 3320. Additional benefits**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide to an  
10 eligible individual additional educational assistance under  
11 this section.

12 “(b) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall  
13 pay to each individual who receives educational assistance  
14 under this section who is pursuing a program of education  
15 the amount payable under section 3313 of this title for  
16 such program of education for a period of not more than  
17 nine months.

18 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible individual is an indi-  
19 vidual—

20 “(1) who is or was entitled to educational as-  
21 sistance under section 3311 of this title;

22 “(2) who has used all of the educational assist-  
23 ance to which the individual is entitled under this  
24 chapter; and

25 “(3) who—

1           “(A) is enrolled in a program of education  
2 leading to a post-secondary degree that requires  
3 more than the standard 128 semester (or 192  
4 quarter) credit hours for completion in—

5                   “(i) biological or biomedical science;

6                   “(ii) physical science;

7                   “(iii) science technologies or techni-  
8 cians;

9                   “(iv) computer and information  
10 science and support services;

11                   “(v) mathematics or statistics;

12                   “(vi) engineering;

13                   “(vii) engineering technologies or an  
14 engineering-related field;

15                   “(viii) a health profession or related  
16 program; or

17                   “(ix) a medical residency program; or

18           “(B) has earned a post-secondary degree  
19 in a field referred to in subparagraph (A) and  
20 is enrolled in a program of education leading to  
21 a teaching certification.”.

22           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting

- 1 after the item relating to section 3319 the following new
- 2 item:

“3320. Additional benefits.”

