

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide for the eligibility of members of the Armed Forces on terminal leave for the Department of Veterans Affairs high technology education program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES ON TERMINAL LEAVE FOR DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HIGH TECH-**
4 **NOLOGY EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM.**

5 Section 116 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Edu-
6 cational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–48; 38
7 U.S.C. 3001 note) is amended—

8 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
9 following new subsection (b):

10 “(b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—For purposes of the pilot pro-
11 gram under this section, an eligible veteran is—

12 “(1) a veteran who is entitled to educational as-
13 sistance under chapter 30, 32, 33, 34, or 35 of title
14 38, United States Code, or chapter 1606 or 1607 of
15 title 10, United States Code; or

16 “(2) a member of the Armed Forces on ter-
17 minal leave who is entitled to educational assistance
18 under chapter 30, 32, 33, 34, or 35 of title 38,
19 United States Code, or chapter 1606 or 1607 of title
20 10, United States Code.”;

21 (2) in subsection (c)(5)(B)—

22 (A) by striking “within” and all that fol-
23 lows through the period and inserting “within—
24 ”; and

25 (B) by adding at the end the following new
26 clauses:

1 “(i) the 180-day period beginning on
2 the date the student completes the pro-
3 gram; or

4 “(ii) in the case of a student who is
5 an eligible veteran described in subsection
6 (b)(2) and who is serving on active duty on
7 the date the student completes the pro-
8 gram, the 180-day period beginning on the
9 date of such student’s discharge or separa-
10 tion from active duty service in the Armed
11 Forces.”; and

12 (3) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
13 following new subsection (d):

14 “(d) HOUSING STIPEND.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), the Secretary shall pay to each eligible
17 veteran who is enrolled in a high technology program
18 of education under the pilot program on a full-time
19 basis a monthly housing stipend equal to the prod-
20 uct—

21 “(A) of—

22 “(i) in the case of a veteran pursuing
23 resident training, the monthly amount of
24 the basic allowance for housing payable
25 under section 403 of title 37, United

1 States Code, for a member with depend-
2 ents in pay grade E-5 residing in the mili-
3 tary housing area that encompasses all or
4 the majority portion of the ZIP code area
5 in which is located the campus of the insti-
6 tution where the individual physically par-
7 ticipates in a majority of classes; or

8 “(ii) in the case of a veteran pursuing
9 a program of education through distance
10 learning, a monthly amount equal to 50
11 percent of the national average of the
12 monthly amount of the basic allowance for
13 housing payable under section 403 of title
14 37, United States Code, for a member with
15 dependents in pay grade E-5, multiplied by
16 “(B) the lesser of—

17 “(i) 1.0; or

18 “(ii) the number of course hours
19 borne by the individual in pursuit of the
20 program of education involved, divided by
21 the minimum number of course hours re-
22 quired for full-time pursuit of such pro-
23 gram of education, rounded to the nearest
24 multiple of 10.

1 “(2) MEMBERS IN RECEIPT OF BASIC HOUSING
2 ALLOWANCE.—The Secretary may not pay a month-
3 ly housing stipend under paragraph (1) to an eligible
4 veteran described in subsection (b)(2) for any month
5 for which the veteran receives a basic allowance for
6 housing from the Department of Defense.”.