

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “ _____
5 Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO STU-**
2 **DENTS WHO ARE “ROUNDING OUT” UNDER**
3 **POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PRO-**
4 **GRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
5 **FAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3680(a) of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
9 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in the case of
13 an eligible veteran or eligible person who is pursuing a
14 program of education on less than a half-time basis during
15 a period that is the last semester, term, or academic period
16 the veteran or person will be enrolled in the program of
17 education because the veteran or person will complete the
18 program of education at the end of that semester, term
19 or academic period, the Secretary may, pursuant to such
20 regulations as the Secretary shall prescribe, provide to the
21 veteran or person educational assistance under chapter 33
22 of this title, including a monthly housing stipend described
23 in section 3313(c) of this title, on the basis of the total
24 number of credits or courses in which the veteran or per-
25 son is enrolled, if—

1 “(A) the number of credits the veteran or per-
2 son needs to complete the program of education is
3 less than the number of credits that would constitute
4 enrollment on a more than half-time basis for that
5 last semester, term, or academic period; and

6 “(B) the veteran or person enrolls in an addi-
7 tional course that is not required for the completion
8 of the program of education and the enrollment in
9 the non-required course in addition to the required
10 course or courses constitutes enrollment on more
11 than a half-time basis.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 subsection (a) shall take effect on August 1, 2021, and
14 apply with respect to any semester, term, or academic pe-
15 riod that begins on or after that date.