

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1872
OFFERED BY MR. VAN ORDEN OF WISCONSIN**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fairness in Veterans’
3 Education Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. REPAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES
5 FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS POST-9/11
6 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE: TIMING; MECHA-
7 NISM FOR INDIVIDUALS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A
8 MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (f) of section 3327 of
10 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “together”
12 and all that follows through “before” and inserting
13 “not later than 60 days after”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(4) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN INDI-
17 VIDUAL NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A MONTHLY HOUSING
18 STIPEND.—In the case of an individual making an

1 election under subsection (a) who is described by
2 subparagraph (A), (C), or (E) of paragraph (1) of
3 that subsection, and who is not eligible for a month-
4 ly stipend payable under section 3313(c) of this title,
5 the educational assistance payable to the individual
6 under this chapter shall be paid—

7 “(A) in a lump sum calculated by multi-
8 plying—

9 “(i) the total amount of contributions
10 described in paragraph (1)(A) with regards
11 to such individual; and

12 “(ii) the sum of the number of
13 months described in subclauses (I) and (II)
14 of paragraph (1)(B)(i) with regards to
15 such individual; and

16 “(B) to the individual not later than 60
17 days after the exhaustion of the individual’s en-
18 titlement to educational assistance under this
19 chapter.”.

20 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CONFORMING
21 AMENDMENT.—Such subsection is further amended—

22 (1) by striking “paragraphs (2) through (7)”
23 both places it appears and inserting “paragraphs (2)
24 through (6)”;

1 (2) in paragraph (1), in the heading, by insert-
2 ing “FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBLE FOR A MONTHLY
3 HOUSING STIPEND” after “ADDITIONAL ASSIST-
4 ANCE”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall take effect on August 1, 2025.

