

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 5634  
OFFERED BY MR. VAN ORDEN OF WISCONSIN**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SEC. 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 AMOUNT OF ENTITLEMENT TO  
5 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PAYABLE FOR  
6 FLIGHT TRAINING UNDER POST-9/11 EDU-  
7 CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF DE-  
8 PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

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.—

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 program of flight training offered by a public insti-  
7 tution of higher learning that leads to a degree, cer-  
8 tificate, or other non-college degree, regardless of  
9 how many such programs the individual pursues is—

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

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

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

1 son of any of paragraph (3) through (7) of section  
2 3311(b) of this title, the maximum amount payable  
3 under paragraph (1) is—

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

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

10 “(3) PRIOR USE OF ENTITLEMENT.—In the  
11 case of an individual who is entitled to educational  
12 assistance under this chapter and who uses any of  
13 such entitlement prior to the pursuit of a program  
14 of flight training offered by a public institution of  
15 higher learning that leads to a degree, certificate, or  
16 other non-college degree, the maximum amount pay-  
17 able to the individual under this subsection is—

18 “(A) the maximum total amount in effect  
19 under paragraph (1), minus

20 “(B) the amount of entitlement to edu-  
21 cational assistance the individual used before  
22 enrolling in such program.”.

23 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
24 section (a) shall take effect on August 1, 2026, and shall

- 1 apply with respect to an individual who first pursues a
- 2 program of flight training on or after August 1, 2026.

