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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Miss RICE of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

OCTOBER --, 2019

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 6, 2019]
A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “GI Bill Planning Act
of 2019”.

SEC. 2. PERIOD FOR ELECTION TO RECEIVE BENEFITS
UNDER ALL-VOLUNTEER EDUCATIONAL AS-
SISTANCE PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) In General.—Section 3011 of title 38, United
States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “Any such
election shall be made at the time the individual ini-
tially enters on active duty as a member of the Armed
Forces” and inserting “Any such election shall be
made during the 90-day period beginning on the day
that is 180 days after the date on which the indi-
vidual initially enters initial training”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “that such
individual is entitled to such pay” and inserting
“that begin after the date that is 270 days after the
date on which the individual initially enters initial
training”. 
(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. PHASE OUT OF ALL-VOLUNTEER EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 3011 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by section 2, is further amended by striking “after June 30, 1985” and inserting “during the period beginning July 1, 1985, and ending September 30, 2029”.

SEC. 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-STATE TUITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3679(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “less than three years before the date of enrollment in the course concerned”; and

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking “It shall” and inserting “(A) It shall”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) To the extent feasible, the Secretary shall make publicly available on the internet website of the Department a database explaining any requirements described in subparagraph (A) that are established by a public institution
of higher learning for an individual to be charged tuition
and fees at a rate that is equal to or less than the rate
the institution charges for tuition and fees for residents of
the State in which the institution is located. The Secretary
shall disapprove a course of education provided by such an
institution that does not provide the Secretary—
“(i) an initial explanation of such requirements;
and
“(ii) not later than 90 days after the date on
which any such requirements change, the updated re-
quirements.”.
(b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this sec-
tion shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or term,
as applicable, commencing on or after August 1, 2020.