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H. R. 2274

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. ANNUAL REPORTS ON POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL**
4 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter
2 33 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
3 adding at the end the following new section:

4 **“§ 3325. Reporting requirement**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense and
6 the Secretary shall submit to the Congress at least once
7 every year separate reports on the operation of the pro-
8 gram provided for in this chapter.

9 “(b) CONTENTS OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RE-
10 PORTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall include in each
11 report submitted under this section—

12 “(1) information indicating—

13 “(A) the extent to which the benefit levels
14 provided under this chapter are adequate to
15 achieve the purposes of inducing individuals to
16 enter and remain in the Armed Forces and of
17 providing an adequate level of financial assist-
18 ance to help meet the cost of pursuing a pro-
19 gram of education;

20 “(B) whether it is necessary for the pur-
21 poses of maintaining adequate levels of well-
22 qualified active-duty personnel in the Armed
23 Forces to continue to offer the opportunity for
24 educational assistance under this chapter to in-

1 dividuals who have not yet entered active-duty
2 service; and

3 “(C) describing the efforts under section
4 3323(b) of this title to inform members of the
5 Armed Forces of the active duty service require-
6 ments for entitlement to educational assistance
7 benefits under this chapter and the results from
8 such efforts; and

9 “(2) such recommendations for administrative
10 and legislative changes regarding the provision of
11 educational assistance to members of the Armed
12 Forces and veterans, and their dependents, as the
13 Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

14 “(c) CONTENTS OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-
15 FAIRS REPORTS.—The Secretary shall include in each re-
16 port submitted under this section—

17 “(1) information concerning the level of utiliza-
18 tion of educational assistance and of expenditures
19 under this chapter;

20 “(2) the number of credit hours, certificates,
21 degrees, and other qualifications earned by bene-
22 ficiaries under this chapter during the fiscal year
23 preceding the fiscal year during which the report is
24 submitted; and

1 “(3) such recommendations for administrative
2 and legislative changes regarding the provision of
3 educational assistance to members of the Armed
4 Forces and veterans, and their dependents, as the
5 Secretary considers appropriate.

6 “(d) TERMINATION.—No report shall be required
7 under this section after January 1, 2021.”.

8 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
9 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
10 by inserting after the item relating to section 3324
11 the following new item:

“3325. Reporting requirement.”.

12 (b) REPEAL OF REPORT ON ALL VOLUNTEER-FORCE
13 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 30 of such title is
15 amended by striking section 3036.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
17 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
18 by striking the item relating to section 3036.

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