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# H. R. 4594

To authorize the use of veterans educational assistance for examinations and assessments to receive credit toward degrees awarded by institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2025

Ms. GOODLANDER (for herself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. CISCOMANI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Military Learning for  
5 Credit Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY FOR USE OF VETERANS EDUCATIONAL**  
2 **ASSISTANCE FOR EXAMINATIONS AND AS-**  
3 **SESSMENTS TO RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARD**  
4 **DEGREES AWARDED BY INSTITUTIONS OF**  
5 **HIGHER LEARNING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is entitled to  
7 veterans educational assistance may use such assistance  
8 to cover the costs of covered examinations and assess-  
9 ments to receive credit toward degrees awarded by institu-  
10 tions of higher learning for approved programs of edu-  
11 cation.

12 (b) VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—For  
13 purposes of this section, veterans educational assistance  
14 is educational assistance available to veterans and other  
15 eligible individuals under the provisions of law as follows:

16 (1) Chapters 30, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of title 38,  
17 United States Code.

18 (2) Any other provision of law providing edu-  
19 cational assistance to a veteran, or to another indi-  
20 vidual in connection with the service of a veteran in  
21 the Armed Forces.

22 (c) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT USABLE.—The total  
23 amount of veterans educational assistance that may be  
24 used for the costs of a covered examination or assessment  
25 under subsection (a) may not exceed the lesser of—

1           (1) the amount charged for the examination or  
2           assessment by the entity administering the examina-  
3           tion or assessment; or

4           (2) \$500.

5           (d) CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—The number of months (or  
7           fraction thereof) of entitlement charged an indi-  
8           vidual under the applicable provision of law specified  
9           in subsection (b) for use of veterans educational as-  
10          sistance for costs of covered examinations and as-  
11          sessments under this section shall be equal to the  
12          quotient obtained by dividing—

13                (A) the cost of the examination or assess-  
14                ment (as determined pursuant to subsection  
15                (c)); by

16                (B) the monthly rate of veterans edu-  
17                cational assistance to which the individual is en-  
18                titled under such provision of law at the time  
19                of the examination or assessment.

20          (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—A charge  
21          against entitlement to educational assistance under  
22          a law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
23          fairs in order to receive assistance under this section  
24          shall not be construed to affect entitlement to edu-  
25          cational assistance under a law administered by the

1 Secretary of Defense, including entitlement to edu-  
2 cational assistance under the Department of Defense  
3 Tuition Assistance Program.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “approved program of education”  
6 means a program of education approved for use of  
7 veterans educational assistance pursuant to chapter  
8 35 or 36 of title 38, United States Code, or another  
9 applicable provision of law.

10 (2) The term “covered examinations and assess-  
11 ments” means the following:

12 (A) A DANTES Subject Standardized  
13 Test Program (DSST) examination.

14 (B) A College Level Examination Program  
15 (CLEP) examination.

16 (C) The National Career Readiness Certifi-  
17 cate examination.

18 (D) Any other examination of a similar na-  
19 ture to an exam specified in subparagraph (A),  
20 (B), or (C) specified by the Secretary of Vet-  
21 erans Affairs for purposes of this section.

22 (E) An assessment by an institution of  
23 higher learning of a portfolio or written nar-  
24 rative by a student with supporting documenta-

1           tion that demonstrates prior military training  
2           or learning.

3           (3) The term “institution of higher learning”  
4           has the meaning given such term in section 3452(f)  
5           of title 38, United States Code.

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