

Calendar No. 288

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 972

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2025

Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. GALLEG0, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

DECEMBER 9, 2025

Reported by Mr. MORAN, with an amendment

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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fairness in Veterans’
3 Education Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
5 **FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD POST-9/11**
6 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3327(f)(3) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended by striking “together”
9 and all that follows through “(as applicable),”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall take effect on August 1, 2025.

12 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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14 *Education Act of 2025”.*

15 **SEC. 2. REPAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
16 **FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS POST-9/11**
17 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE: TIMING; MECHA-**
18 **NISM FOR INDIVIDUALS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A**
19 **MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND.**

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

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

25 (2) by adding at the end the following new para-
26 graph:

1 “(4) *ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND.—In the case of an individual making an election under subsection (a) who is described by subparagraph (A), (C), or (E) of paragraph (1) of that subsection, and who is not eligible for a monthly stipend payable under section 3313(c) of this title, the educational assistance payable to the individual under this chapter shall be paid—*

10 “(A) *in a lump sum calculated by multiplying—*

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

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

19 “(B) *to the individual not later than 60 days after the exhaustion of the individual’s entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter.”.*

23 (b) *TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CONFORMING*
24 *AMENDMENT.—Such subsection is further amended—*

1 (1) *by striking “paragraphs (2) through (7)”*
2 *and inserting “paragraphs (2) through (6)”*; and
3 (2) *in paragraph (1), in the heading, by insert-*
4 *ing “FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBLE FOR A MONTHLY*
5 *HOUSING STIPEND” after “ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE”.*
6 (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this*
7 *section shall take effect on August 1, 2025.*

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