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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to certain veterans and members of the Armed Forces who require extra time to complete remedial and deficiency courses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORSFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Education
5 and Transfer Extension Act of 2025” or the “VET Exten-
6 sion Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Individuals who are entitled to educational
4 assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assist-
5 ance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs
6 who require remedial and deficiency courses exhaust
7 their entitlement before completing a program of
8 education with such assistance.

9 (2) Members of the Armed Forces who are enti-
10 tled to educational assistance under such program
11 and who do not have dependents while serving as
12 members of the Armed Forces are not able to trans-
13 fer their entitlement to such assistance when they
14 come to have dependents.

15 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN DURATION OF EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
16 **ANCE UNDER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
17 **AFFAIRS POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
18 **ANCE PROGRAM FOR COMPLETION OF REME-**
19 **DIAL AND DEFICIENCY COURSES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3312 of title 38, United
21 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing new subsection:

23 “(d) INCREASE FOR PURSUIT OF REMEDIAL AND DE-
24 FICIENCY COURSES.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual
26 who is eligible under paragraph (2), the number of

1 months of educational assistance under section 3313
2 of this title to which the individual is entitled under
3 this section is increased by the lesser of the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(A) 15 months.

6 “(B) The number of months required to
7 complete the remedial and deficiency courses
8 necessary to complete the program of education
9 the individual is pursuing on a full-time basis,
10 as determined by the Secretary.

11 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—For purposes of this sec-
12 tion, an eligible individual is an individual who—

13 “(A) was entitled to educational assistance
14 under section 3311 of this title but has used all
15 of such individual’s entitlement;

16 “(B) during the 180-day period preceding
17 the date of the determination of eligibility
18 under this subsection, used any of such entitle-
19 ment; and

20 “(C) is pursuing the completion of a pro-
21 gram of education at an institution of higher
22 learning and—

23 “(i) has completed, or attempted to
24 complete, a remedial or deficiency course

1 necessary to complete such program of
2 education; and

3 “(ii) requires more than the standard
4 120 semester (or 180 quarter) credit hours
5 for completion of such program of edu-
6 cation.

7 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

8 “(A) The term ‘institution of higher learn-
9 ing’ has the meaning given such term in section
10 3452 of this title.

11 “(B) The term ‘remedial or deficiency
12 course’ means a course offered by an institution
13 of higher learning that is designed to overcome
14 a deficiency.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 38, United
16 States Code, is further amended—

17 (1) in section 3312(a), by striking “subsections
18 (b) and (c)” and inserting “subsections (b), (c), and
19 (d)”; and

20 (2) in section 3695, by adding at the end the
21 following new subsection:

22 “(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), in the case of
23 an individual who is entitled to additional months of edu-
24 cational assistance under section 3312(d) of this title, the
25 aggregate period for which such individual may receive as-

1 sistance under two or more of the provisions of law re-
 2 ferred to in such subsection may not exceed the sum of—

3 “(1) 48 months (or the part-time equivalent
 4 thereof), and

5 “(2) the number of months of entitlement re-
 6 ceived by such individual under section 3312(d) of
 7 this title.”.

8 **SEC. 4. INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN TRANSFER OF ENTI-**
 9 **TLEMENT TO EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**
 10 **UNDER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
 11 **POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PRO-**
 12 **GRAM.**

13 Section 3319 of title 38, United States Code, is
 14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (e)—

16 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
 17 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
 18 and indenting such subparagraphs appro-
 19 priately;

20 (B) in the matter before subparagraph
 21 (A), as redesignated by subparagraph (A), by
 22 striking “An” and inserting the following:

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An”; and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 25 paragraph (2):

1 “(2) TIMING OF DESIGNATION.—An individual
2 who does not have an eligible dependent may elect
3 to transfer a portion of the individual’s entitlement
4 to an unspecified future dependent. In the case of
5 such an election, the individual shall make the des-
6 ignations required by paragraph (1) when the indi-
7 vidual comes to have an eligible dependent to whom
8 the individual would like to transfer entitlement
9 under this section.”; and

10 (2) in subsection (f)—

11 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

12 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
13 (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively; and

14 (C) in paragraph (1)(A), as redesignated
15 by subparagraph (B), by inserting “, including
16 by designating a new dependent or dependents
17 to whom to transfer the individual’s entitle-
18 ment” before the period.

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