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To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand work-study for eligible veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUINN (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. REYES, Mr. BUYER, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. GILCHREST) 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. EXPANSION OF WORK-STUDY.**

4 (a) POSITIONS.—The second sentence of paragraph
5 (1) of section 3485(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking out “(A)” and all that follows and
7 inserting in lieu thereof the following: “any activity that
8 the Secretary determines appropriate, with respect to the

1 needs of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the skills
2 of the individual, of—

3 “(A) a department or agency of the United
4 States,

5 “(B) an institution of higher learning, or

6 “(C) a community service program of a State
7 or local government or of a community service orga-
8 nization.”.

9 (b) ELECTION OF PARTIAL PAYMENT IN AD-
10 VANCE.—The third sentence of paragraph (1) of section
11 3485(a) of such title is amended by striking out “An indi-
12 vidual shall be paid” and inserting in lieu thereof “An in-
13 dividual may elect, in the manner prescribed by the Sec-
14 retary, to be paid”.

15 (c) DEFINITION OF HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE.—
16 Paragraph (2) of section 3485(a) of such title is amended
17 by striking out “or (B)” and inserting in lieu thereof
18 “(B)” and by striking out the period at the end and insert-
19 ing in lieu thereof “, or (C) an amount of up to 10 percent
20 above the wage referred to in clause (A) or (B) when the
21 Secretary determines such higher wage is in the best inter-
22 est of the Government and the individual.”.

23 (d) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZA-
24 TION.—Subsection (a) of section 3485 of such title is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
2 graph:

3 “(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this sub-
4 section, the term ‘community service organization’ means
5 a veterans service organization or other nonprofit organi-
6 zation that provides community service.”.

7 (e) PROHIBITION ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY.—Section
8 3485 of such title is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new subsection:

10 “(f) The work-study allowance may not be used to
11 fund, in whole or in part, any political activity.”.

12 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Subsection (c)
13 of section 3485 of such title is amended—

14 (A) by striking out “the Department of Veter-
15 ans Affairs” and inserting in lieu thereof “a depart-
16 ment or agency of the United States”;

17 (B) by striking out “each Department of Veter-
18 ans Affairs regional office” and inserting in lieu
19 thereof “each such department or agency”; and

20 (C) by striking out “Department of Veterans
21 Affairs activities” and inserting in lieu thereof “the
22 activities of any such department or agency”.

23 (2) Subsection (e)(1) of section 3485 of such title is
24 amended by striking out “through (E)” and inserting in
25 lieu thereof “through (C)”.

1 (g) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Subsections (b) and
2 (e)(1) of section 3485 of such title are each amended by
3 striking out “chapter 106 of title 10” each place it ap-
4 pears and inserting in lieu thereof “chapter 1606 of title
5 10”.

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