#### 106TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# S. 555

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue payment of monthly educational assistance benefits to veterans enrolled at educational institutions during periods between terms if the interval between such periods does not exceed eight weeks.

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 5, 1999

Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 Benefits Equity Act of 1999".

#### SEC. 2. REVISION OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE INTERVAL

2	PAYMENT	REQUIREMENTS.

- 3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (C) of the third sentence 4 of section 3680(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 "(C) during periods between school terms where 7 the educational institution certifies the enrollment of 8 the eligible veteran or eligible person on an individ-9 ual term basis if (i) the period between such terms 10 does not exceed eight weeks, and (ii) both the term 11 preceding and the term following the period are not 12 shorter in length than the period.".
- 13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
  14 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to payments of edu15 cational assistance under title 38, United States Code, for
  16 months beginning on or after the date of the enactment
  17 of this Act.

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