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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an incremental increase in amounts of educational assistance for survivors and dependents of veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) 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 “Survivors’ and De-
5 pendents’ Educational Assistance Adjustment Act of
6 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREMENTAL INCREASE IN RATES OF SURVIVORS'**
2 **AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
3 **ANCE.**

4 (a) SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL
5 ASSISTANCE.—Section 3532 of title 38, United States
6 Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “at the
9 monthly rate of” and all that follows and in-
10 serting “at the monthly rate of—

11 “(A) for months occurring during fiscal year
12 2003, \$900 for full-time, \$676 for three-quarter-
13 time, or \$450 for half-time pursuit; and

14 “(B) for months occurring during a subsequent
15 fiscal year, \$985 for full-time, \$740 for three-quarter-
16 time, or \$492 for half-time pursuit.”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “at the
18 rate of” and all that follows and inserting “at
19 the rate of the lesser of—

20 “(A) the established charges for tuition and
21 fees that the educational institution involved re-
22 quires similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled
23 in the same program to pay; or

24 “(B)(i) for months occurring during fiscal year
25 2003, \$900 per month for a full-time course; or (ii)

1 for months occurring during a subsequent fiscal
 2 year, \$985 per month for a full-time course.”;

3 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “at the rate
 4 of” and all that follows and inserting “at the rate
 5 of—

6 “(1) for months occurring during fiscal year
 7 2003, \$900 per month; and

8 “(2) for months occurring during a subsequent
 9 fiscal year, \$985 per month.”; and

10 (3) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “shall be”
 11 and all that follows and inserting “shall be—

12 “(A) for months occurring during fiscal year
 13 2003, \$727 for full-time, \$545 for three-quarter-
 14 time, or \$364 for half-time pursuit; and

15 “(B) for months occurring during a subsequent
 16 fiscal year, \$795 for full-time, \$596 for three-quarter-
 17 ter-time, or \$398 for half-time pursuit.”.

18 (b) CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.—Section 3534(b)
 19 of that title is amended by striking “for each \$670” and
 20 all that follows and inserting “for each amount which is
 21 paid to the spouse as an educational assistance allowance
 22 for such course as follows:

23 “(1) For amounts paid during fiscal year 2003,
 24 \$900.

1 “(2) For amounts paid during a subsequent fis-
2 cal year, \$985.”.

3 (c) SPECIAL RESTORATIVE TRAINING.—Section
4 3542(a) of that title is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”;

6 (2) by designating the second sentence as para-
7 graph (2) and indenting such paragraph, as so des-
8 ignated, two ems from the left margin;

9 (3) in paragraph (1), as so designated, by strik-
10 ing “the basic rate of \$670 per month.” and insert-
11 ing “the basic rate of—

12 “(A) for months occurring during fiscal year
13 2003, \$900 per month; and

14 “(B) for months occurring during a subsequent
15 fiscal year, \$985 per month.”; and

16 (4) in paragraph (2), as so designated—

17 (A) by striking “\$184 per calendar month”
18 and inserting “\$282 per calendar month for
19 months occurring during fiscal year 2003, or
20 \$307 per calendar months for months occurring
21 during a subsequent fiscal year”; and

22 (B) by striking “\$184 a month” and in-
23 serting “\$282 a month for months occurring
24 during fiscal year 2003, or \$307 a month for

1 months occurring during a subsequent fiscal
2 year”.

3 (d) APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING.—Section
4 3687(b)(2) of that title is amended by striking “shall be
5 \$488 for the first six months” and all that follows and
6 inserting “shall be—

7 “(A) \$655 for the first six months, \$490 for
8 the second six months, \$325 for the third six
9 months, and \$164 for the fourth and any succeeding
10 six-month period of training, if such six-month pe-
11 riod of training begins during fiscal year 2003; and

12 “(B) \$717 for the first six months, \$536 for
13 the second six months, \$356 for the third six
14 months, and \$179 for the fourth and any succeeding
15 six-month period of training, if such six-month pe-
16 riod of training begins during a subsequent fiscal
17 year.”.

18 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The amendments made
19 by this section shall take effect as of October 1, 2003,
20 and shall apply with respect to educational assistance al-
21 lowances payable under chapter 35 and section 3687(b)(2)
22 of title 38, United States Code, for months beginning on
23 or after that date.

1 (2) No adjustment in rates of monthly training allow-
 2 ances shall be made under section 3687(d) of title 38,
 3 United States Code, for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

4 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF DURATION OF EDUCATIONAL AS-**
 5 **SISTANCE.**

6 Section 3511(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code,
 7 is amended by striking “45 months” and all that follows
 8 and inserting “45 months, or 36 months in the case of
 9 a person who first files a claim for educational assistance
 10 under this chapter after the date of the enactment of the
 11 Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Ad-
 12 justment Act of 2002, or to the equivalent thereof in part-
 13 time training.”.

14 **SEC. 4. INCREASE IN AGGREGATE ANNUAL AMOUNT AVAIL-**
 15 **ABLE FOR STATE APPROVING AGENCIES FOR**
 16 **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

17 (a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT.—Section 3674(a)(4) of
 18 title 38, United States Code, is amended in the first sen-
 19 tence by striking “may not exceed \$13,000,000” and all
 20 that follows through the end and inserting “may not ex-
 21 ceed \$18,000,000.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 23 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2002.

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