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To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of basic educational assistance for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill, and to eliminate reductions of basic pay for eligibility for such assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2003

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. MICHAUD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 Affordability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL AS-**
2 **SISTANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Subsection (a)(1) of section
4 3015 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

5 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
6 paragraph (E);

7 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
8 lowing new subparagraph:

9 “(D) for months occurring during fiscal
10 year 2005, \$1,200; and”; and

11 (C) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
12 graph (C).

13 (2) Subsection (b)(1) of such section is amended—

14 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
15 paragraph (E);

16 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
17 lowing new subparagraph:

18 “(D) for months occurring during fiscal
19 year 2005, \$975; and”; and

20 (C) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
21 graph (C).

22 (b) NO CPI ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
23 2005.—Subsection (h) of such section 3015 shall not
24 apply to rates of basic educational assistance paid under
25 such section during fiscal year 2005.

1 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF REDUCTIONS OF BASIC PAY.**

2 (a) REPEALS.—Sections 3011(b) and 3012(c) of title
3 38, United States Code, are each amended by adding at
4 the end the following new sentence: “This subsection shall
5 cease to have effect beginning on the first day of the first
6 month that begins after the date of the enactment of the
7 Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act of 2003.”.

8 (b) TERMINATION OF REDUCTIONS IN PROGRESS.—
9 Any reduction in the basic pay of an individual referred
10 to in section 3011(b) of title 38, United States Code, by
11 reason of such section 3011(b), or of any individual re-
12 ferred to in section 3012(c) of such title by reason of such
13 section 3012(c), as of the date of the enactment of this
14 Act shall cease commencing with the first month begin-
15 ning after such date, and any obligation of such individual
16 under such section 3011(b) or 3012(c), as the case may
17 be, as of the day before such date shall be deemed to be
18 fully satisfied as of such date.

19 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3034(e)(1)
20 of title 38, United States Code, is amended in the second
21 sentence by striking “as soon as practicable” and all that
22 follows through “such additional times” and inserting “at
23 such times”.

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