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To amend chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of basic educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2003

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. FILNER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. REYES, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. LEE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. FROST, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MICHAUD, and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Selected Reserve Edu-
3 cational Assistance Improvement Act”.

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

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Paragraph (1) of Section
7 16131(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$251”
9 and inserting “\$600”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “\$188”
11 and inserting “\$450”; and

12 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “\$125”
13 and inserting “\$300”.

14 (2) The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall
15 take effect on October 1, 2004, and shall apply with re-
16 spect to educational assistance allowances under section
17 16131(b)(1) of such title paid for months after September
18 2004.

19 (3) In the case of an educational assistance allowance
20 under such section paid for months occurring during fiscal
21 year 2004—

22 (A) subparagraph (A) of such section shall be
23 applied by substituting “\$475” for “\$251”;

24 (B) subparagraph (B) of such section shall be
25 applied by substituting “\$325” for “\$188”; and

1 (C) subparagraph (C) of such section shall be
 2 applied by substituting “\$215” for “\$125”.

3 (b) NO ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND
 4 2005.—Section 16131(b)(2) of such title shall not apply
 5 to rates of basic educational assistance paid under such
 6 section during fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

7 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION OF INDEX BASED ON COSTS OF HIGH-**
 8 **ER LEARNING.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 16131(b)(2) of title 10,
 10 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 “(2)(A) With respect to any fiscal year beginning on
 12 or after October 1, 2004, the Secretary shall provide a
 13 percentage increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) in the
 14 rates payable under paragraph (1) equal to the percentage
 15 (as determined by the Secretary) by which—

16 “(i) the average monthly costs of tuition and
 17 expenses for commuter students at public institu-
 18 tions of higher learning that award baccalaureate
 19 degrees for purposes of paragraph (1) for the fiscal
 20 year involved, exceeds

21 “(ii) such average monthly costs for the pre-
 22 ceding fiscal year.

23 “(B) The Secretary shall make the determination
 24 under subparagraph (A) after consultation with the Sec-
 25 retary of Education.

1 “(C) A determination made under subparagraph (A)
2 in a year shall take effect on October 1 of that year and
3 apply with respect to basic educational assistance allow-
4 ances payable under this section for the fiscal year begin-
5 ning in that year.

6 “(D) Not later than September 30 each year, the Sec-
7 retary shall publish in the Federal Register the average
8 monthly costs of tuition and expenses as determined under
9 subparagraph (A) in that year.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—(1) Section
11 3015(h) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
12 striking “by which—” and all that follows and inserting
13 “determined by the Secretary under section 16131(b)(2)
14 of title 10 for the fiscal year involved.”.

15 (2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall
16 apply to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1,
17 2004.

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