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To amend title 32, United States Code, to provide members of the National Guard additional time to transition to civilian life when they return from active duty in support of contingency operations or homeland defense missions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2007

Ms. HOOLEY 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL TIME FOR REINTEGRATION OF**
4 **MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD RE-**
5 **TURNING FROM DEPLOYMENTS TO CIVILIAN**
6 **LIFE.**

7 Section 325 of title 32, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “So far” and
2 inserting “Subject to subsection (c), so far”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(c) TRANSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL
6 GUARD RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENTS.—(1) If a
7 member of the National Guard serves on active duty for
8 one year or more in support of a contingency operation
9 or homeland defense mission, the member shall be given
10 the option of serving on full-time National Guard duty for
11 up to 90 days upon being relieved from that active duty
12 in order to ease the transition of the member to civilian
13 life.

14 “(2) Reintegration programs for members of the Na-
15 tional Guard serving on full-time National Guard duty
16 under paragraph (1) may include the following:

17 “(A) Mandatory decompression time of at least
18 15 days.

19 “(B) Education and employment workshops.

20 “(C) Financial counseling.

21 “(D) Health and welfare briefings for members
22 and their dependents.

23 “(E) Not more than 20 hours of disaster miti-
24 gation or emergency response duties in or in the vi-
25 cinity of the home of record of the member.

1 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall provide funds to
2 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Vir-
3 gin Islands, and the District of Columbia in such amounts
4 as are necessary to cover costs incurred for—

5 “(A) the pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence,
6 gratuities, travel, and related expenses of members
7 serving on full-time National Guard duty under
8 paragraph (1); and

9 “(B) reintegration programs provided under
10 paragraph (2).

11 “(4) The Secretary shall submit to Congress, the
12 Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the Governor of each
13 State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the
14 Virgin Islands, and the commanding general of the Dis-
15 trict of Columbia National Guard an annual report speci-
16 fying the number of members of the National Guard
17 choosing the option to serve on full-time National Guard
18 duty upon being relieved from active duty, the number of
19 days so served, and the types of reintegration programs
20 offered under paragraph (2) and their utilization rates by
21 members.”.

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