

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3400

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the educational assistance available under post-9/11 veterans educational assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2008

Mr. ALEXANDER 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 “GI Bill Fairness Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ENHANCEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

6 **AVAILABLE UNDER POST-9/11 VETERANS EDU-**
7 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**

8 (a) MAXIMUM TUITION AND FEES TO BE DETER-
9 MINED USING MAXIMUM IN-STATE TUITION AND FEES

1 CHARGED BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE
 2 UNITED STATES.—Subparagraph (A) of section
 3 3313(c)(1) of title 38, United States Code (as added by
 4 section 5003 of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational As-
 5 sistance Act of 2008 (title V of Public Law 110–252)),
 6 is amended by striking “in the State” and all that follows
 7 and inserting “in the United States that charges the high-
 8 est amount for tuition and fees for in-State undergraduate
 9 students for full-time pursuit of such programs of edu-
 10 cation.”.

11 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND
 12 FOR PURSUIT OF PROGRAM OF EDUCATION THROUGH
 13 DISTANCE LEARNING.—Subparagraph (B)(i) of such sec-
 14 tion (as so added) is amended by striking “the program
 15 of education” and all that follows and inserting “the pro-
 16 gram of education—

17 “(I) a monthly housing stipend
 18 amount equal to the monthly amount
 19 of the basic allowance for housing
 20 payable under section 403 of title 37
 21 for a member with dependents in pay
 22 grade E–5 residing in the military
 23 housing area that encompasses all or
 24 the majority portion of the ZIP code
 25 area in which is located the institution

1 of higher education at which the indi-
2 vidual is enrolled; or

3 “(II) in the case of an individual
4 pursuing a program of education
5 through distance learning, a monthly
6 housing stipend amount equal to the
7 monthly amount of the basic allow-
8 ance for housing so payable for such
9 a member residing in the military
10 housing area in which the individual
11 resides.”.

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