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# H. R. 4140

To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2012

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut 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

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## 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 “Restore the Promise  
5 GI Bill”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF TIME LIMITATION FOR USE OF**  
2 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTITLEMENT TO EDU-**  
3 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MONT-**  
4 **GOMERY GI BILL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3031 of chapter 30 of  
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
7 lows:

8 **“§ 3031. Extension of entitlement to educational as-**  
9 **sistance expiring during a quarter or se-**  
10 **mester or after a major portion of a**  
11 **course is complete**

12 “(a) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OPERATING ON  
13 QUARTER OR SEMESTER SYSTEM.—If an individual eligi-  
14 ble for educational assistance under this chapter is en-  
15 rolled under this chapter in an educational institution reg-  
16 ularly operated on the quarter or semester system and the  
17 period of such individual’s entitlement under this chapter  
18 would, under section 3013, expire during a quarter or se-  
19 mester, such period shall be extended to the end of such  
20 quarter or semester.

21 “(b) OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—If an in-  
22 dividual eligible for educational assistance under this  
23 chapter is enrolled under this chapter in an educational  
24 institution not regularly operated on the quarter or semes-  
25 ter system and the period of such individual’s entitlement  
26 under this chapter would, under section 3013, expire after

1 a major portion of the course is completed, such period  
2 shall be extended to the end of the course or for 12 weeks,  
3 whichever is the lesser period of extension.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
5 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by striking  
6 the item relating to section 3031 and inserting the fol-  
7 lowing new item:

“3031. Extension of entitlement to educational assistance expiring during a  
quarter or semester or after a major portion of a course is  
complete.”.

8 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such title is further  
9 amended—

10 (1) in section 3018C(e)(3)(B)—

11 (A) by striking “(i) The Secretary” and in-  
12 serting “The Secretary”; and

13 (B) by striking clause (ii);

14 (2) in section 3020—

15 (A) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “Sub-  
16 ject to the time limitation for use of entitlement  
17 under section 3031 of this title, an” and insert-  
18 ing “An”; and

19 (B) in subsection (h), by striking para-  
20 graph (5) and redesignating paragraphs (6) and  
21 (7) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

22 (3) in section 3321(b), by striking paragraphs  
23 (1) and (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) and  
24 (4) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.

1 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
2 section (a) shall apply with respect to any person who has  
3 been entitled to educational assistance under chapter 30  
4 of title 38, United States Code, at any time.

5 (e) OUTREACH REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of  
6 Veterans Affairs shall carry out appropriate outreach ac-  
7 tivities designed to inform veterans who may be able to  
8 use their entitlement to educational assistance under such  
9 chapter by reason of the amendment made by subsection  
10 (a) of the elimination of the time limitation for the use  
11 of such entitlement.

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