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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide authority for certain members of the Armed Forces to transfer entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to their dependents.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Education Assistance
5 to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED)
6 Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES WHO HAVE SERVED 20 YEARS ON AC-**
3 **TIVE DUTY TO TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT TO**
4 **POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO**
5 **THEIR DEPENDENTS.**

6 (a) TRANSFER AUTHORIZED.—Section 3319(b) of
7 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or”;

9 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and
10 inserting “; or”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(3) any period of service in the Armed Forces,
14 as of any date between September 11, 2001, and
15 September 30, 2011, including at least 90 days of
16 such service after September 10, 2001.”.

17 (b) OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT.—

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the pe-
19 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act
20 and ending on December 31, 2015, an individual who is
21 entitled to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title
22 38, United States Code, and who completed any period
23 of service in the Armed Forces and was discharged or re-
24 leased from such service under honorable conditions before
25 September 30, 2011, may transfer all or part of the indi-

1 vidual's entitlement to an eligible dependent under section
2 3319 of title 38, United States Code.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this Act shall take effect as if included in the enactment
5 of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of
6 2008 (title V of Public Law 110–252).

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