

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5676

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that members of a reserve component who are pursuing a course of education using educational assistance administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are accommodated by the institution of higher learning for an absence caused by performing certain training.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK 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 “Guard and Reserve
5 Academic Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCOMMODATION OF MEMBERS OF RESERVE COM-**
2 **PONENTS PURSUING COURSE OF EDUCATION**
3 **DURING PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN TRAIN-**
4 **ING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 36 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new section:

8 **“§ 3699. Accommodation of members of reserve com-**
9 **ponents during performance of certain**
10 **training**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure that
12 an institution of higher learning provides an individual de-
13 scribed in subsection (b) with a reasonable opportunity to
14 complete assignments, tests, and other requirements of a
15 course of education that occur during any period in which
16 the individual is absent from the course of education by
17 reason of performing—

18 “(1) inactive duty training; or

19 “(2) active duty training for a period of less
20 than 30 days.

21 “(b) INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED.—An individual de-
22 scribed in this subsection is an individual who is—

23 “(1) a member of a reserve component; and

24 “(2) pursuing a course of education with edu-
25 cational assistance under chapter 30 or 33 of this
26 title or chapter 1606 or 1607 of title 10.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
3 at the end the following new item:

“3699. Accommodation of members of reserve components during performance
of certain training.”

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