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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. WATT, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. BASS, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. JONES, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. RUSH, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Education
3 Equity Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING EQUITY FOR TUITION AND FEES FOR**
5 **INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO ASSISTANCE**
6 **UNDER THE POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
7 **ANCE PROGRAM WHO ARE PURSUING PRO-**
8 **GRAMS OF EDUCATION AT INSTITUTIONS OF**
9 **HIGHER LEARNING.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of
11 paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of section 3313 of title
12 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 “(i) In the case of a program of edu-
14 cation pursued at a public institution of
15 higher learning, the lesser of—

16 “(I) the actual net cost for tui-
17 tion and fees assessed by the institu-
18 tion for the program of education
19 after the application of—

20 “(aa) any waiver of, or re-
21 duction in, tuition and fees; and

22 “(bb) any scholarship, or
23 other Federal, State, institu-
24 tional, or employer-based aid or
25 assistance (other than loans and
26 any funds provided under section

1 401(b) of the Higher Education
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a))
3 that is provided directly to the
4 institution and specifically des-
5 ignated for the sole purpose of
6 defraying tuition and fees; or

7 “(II) the greater of—

8 “(aa) the actual net cost for
9 in-State tuition and fees assessed
10 by the institution for the pro-
11 gram of education after the ap-
12 plication of—

13 “(AA) any waiver of, or
14 reduction in, tuition and
15 fees; and

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 2 ignated for the sole purpose
 3 of defraying tuition and
 4 fees; or

5 “(bb) the amount equal to—

6 “ (AA) for the academic
 7 year beginning on August 1,
 8 2011, \$17,500; or

9 “ (BB) for any subse-
 10 quent academic year, the
 11 amount in effect for the pre-
 12 vious academic year under
 13 this subclause, as increased
 14 by the percentage increase
 15 equal to the most recent
 16 percentage increase deter-
 17 mined under section 3015(h)
 18 of this title.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 20 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the payment of
 21 educational assistance for an academic year beginning on
 22 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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