

113TH CONGRESS
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S. 262

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2013

Mr. DURBIN 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 “Veterans Education
5 Equity Act of 2013”.

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of
 8 paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of section 3313 of title
 9 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 “(i) In the case of a program of edu-
 11 cation pursued at a public institution of
 12 higher learning, the lesser of—

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

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

19 “(bb) any scholarship, or
 20 other Federal, State, institu-
 21 tional, or employer-based aid or
 22 assistance (other than loans and
 23 any funds provided under section
 24 401(b) of the Higher Education
 25 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a))
 26 that is provided directly to the

1 institution and specifically des-
2 igned for the sole purpose of
3 defraying tuition and fees; or

4 “(II) the greater of—

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

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12 fees; and

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16 based aid or assistance
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18 funds provided under section
19 401(b) of the Higher Edu-
20 cation Act of 1965 (20
21 U.S.C. 1070a)) that is pro-
22 vided directly to the institu-
23 tion and specifically des-
24 igned for the sole purpose

1 of defraying tuition and
 2 fees; or

3 “(bb) the amount equal to—

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

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

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

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