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H. R. 2698

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. KILDEE 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 “Keep Student Veterans
5 in Their Homes Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN MONTHLY STIPENDS**
2 **FOR VETERANS AFFECTED BY SCHOOL CLO-**
3 **SURE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3680(a) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking the matter after paragraph
7 (3)(B);

8 (2) in paragraph (3), by redesignating subpara-
9 graphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-
10 tively;

11 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
12 (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively;

13 (4) in the matter before subparagraph (A), as
14 redesignated, in the first sentence, by striking “Pay-
15 ment of” and inserting “(1) Except as provided in
16 paragraph (2)(A), payment of”; and

17 (5) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph (2):

19 “(2)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Sec-
20 retary may, pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary
21 shall prescribe, continue to pay allowances to eligible vet-
22 erans and eligible persons enrolled in courses set forth in
23 paragraph (1)(A)—

24 “(i) during periods when schools are tempo-
25 rarily closed under an established policy based on an
26 Executive order of the President or due to an emer-

1 agency situation, except that the total number of
2 weeks for which allowances may continue to be so
3 payable in any 12-month period may not exceed four
4 weeks; or

5 “(ii) solely for the purpose of awarding a
6 monthly housing stipend described in section 3313
7 of this title, during periods following a permanent
8 school closure, except that payment of such a sti-
9 pend may only be continued for four months after
10 the date of the school closure.

11 “(B) Any payment of allowances under subparagraph
12 (A) shall not—

13 “(i) be counted against the aggregate period for
14 which section 3695 of this title limits the individ-
15 ual’s receipt of educational assistance; or

16 “(ii) be charged against any entitlement to edu-
17 cational assistance of the individual.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph
19 (1)(C)(ii) of such section, as redesignated, is amended by
20 striking “described in subclause (A) of this clause” and
21 inserting “described in clause (ii)”.

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