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H. R. 3949

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under the Post-9/11 GI Bill for veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. LEE, Mr. HONDA, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. RUSH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. SWALWELL of California) 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 referred to as the “Veterans’ STEM
5 Education Program”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER**
2 **POST-9/11 GI BILL FOR VETERANS PURSUING**
3 **DEGREE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGI-**
4 **NEERING, OR MATH.**

5 (a) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
8 section 3316 the following new section:

9 **“§ 3316A. Veterans’ STEM Education Program**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary may pay to
11 an individual entitled to educational assistance under this
12 chapter such additional amount as the Secretary considers
13 appropriate if—

14 “(A) the individual is using such assistance to
15 pursue a program of education described in sub-
16 section (b); and

17 “(B) the amount of such assistance otherwise
18 provided under this chapter does not cover the full
19 cost of the established charges for such program of
20 education, as determined after the application of any
21 waiver of, or reduction in, tuition and fees and any
22 scholarship, or other Federal, State, institutional, or
23 employer-based aid or assistance (other than loans
24 and any funds provided under section 401(b) of the
25 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a))
26 that is provided directly to the institution offering

1 such program of education and specifically des-
2 ignated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and
3 fees.

4 “(2) Amounts payable to an individual under this sec-
5 tion are in addition to any other amounts payable to such
6 individual under this chapter.

7 “(b) COVERED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.—A pro-
8 gram of education described in this subsection is a pro-
9 gram of education with a focus (as determined in accord-
10 ance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary for pur-
11 poses of this section) on science, technology, engineering,
12 or math.”.

13 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
14 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
15 by inserting after the item relating to section 3316
16 the following new item:

“3316A. Veterans’ STEM Education Program.”.

17 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Section 3325(c) of
18 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and
20 inserting a semicolon;

21 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
22 graph (4); and

23 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
24 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(3) a detailed description of the activities car-
2 ried out under section 3316A of this title during the
3 academic year covered by the report and an evalua-
4 tion of such activities; and”.

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