

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4454

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of certain individuals with service-connected disabilities who transfer to reserve components before discharge from the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Ms. PINGREE (for herself and Ms. GABBARD) 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 “Chris Kotch VA Edu-
5 cation Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE PROGRAM OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS**
3 **WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES**
4 **WHO TRANSFER TO RESERVE COMPONENTS**
5 **BEFORE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED**
6 **FORCES.**

7 (a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 3311(b)(2)(B) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended by striking “is discharged
9 or released from active duty in the Armed Forces” and
10 inserting “is discharged or released from the Armed
11 Forces or transferred to the temporary disability retire-
12 ment list”.

13 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the Post-
15 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (Public
16 Law 110–252).

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