

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5676

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Guard and Reserve  
5        Academic Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCOMMODATION OF MEMBERS OF RESERVE COM-**  
2 **PONENTS PURSUING COURSE OF EDUCATION**  
3 **DURING PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN TRAIN-**  
4 **ING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 36 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new section:

8 **“§ 3699. Accommodation of members of reserve com-**  
9 **ponents during performance of certain**  
10 **training**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure that  
12 an institution of higher learning provides an individual de-  
13 scribed in subsection (b) with a reasonable opportunity to  
14 complete assignments, tests, and other requirements of a  
15 course of education that occur during any period in which  
16 the individual is absent from the course of education by  
17 reason of performing—

18 “(1) inactive duty training; or

19 “(2) active duty training for a period of less  
20 than 30 days.

21 “(b) INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED.—An individual de-  
22 scribed in this subsection is an individual who is—

23 “(1) a member of a reserve component; and

24 “(2) pursuing a course of education with edu-  
25 cational assistance under chapter 30 or 33 of this  
26 title or chapter 1606 or 1607 of title 10.”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
3 at the end the following new item:

“3699. Accommodation of members of reserve components during performance  
of certain training.”

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