

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5702

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the monthly housing stipend under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for individuals who pursue summer programs of education solely through distance learning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself, Mr. STANTON, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Ms. STANSBURY) 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 “Expanding Access for
5 Online Veteran Students Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND UNDER THE POST-9/11**
2 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR**
3 **INDIVIDUALS WHO PURSUE SUMMER PRO-**
4 **GRAMS OF EDUCATION SOLELY THROUGH**
5 **DISTANCE LEARNING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3313(c)(1)(B) of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in clause (i), by striking “and (iii)” and in-
9 serting “, (iii), and (iv)”;

10 (2) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v);
11 and

12 (3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following
13 new clause (iv):

14 “(iv) In the case of an individual pur-
15 suing, solely through distance learning, a
16 program of education that is shorter than
17 12 weeks during the summer, for each
18 month the individual pursues the program
19 of education, a monthly housing stipend
20 equal to the product of—

21 “(I) the national average of the
22 monthly amount of the basic allow-
23 ance for housing payable under sec-
24 tion 403 of title 37 for a member with
25 dependents in pay grade E–5, multi-
26 plied by

1 “(II) the lesser of—
2 “(aa) 1.0 and
3 “(bb) the number of course
4 hours borne by the individual in
5 pursuit of the program of edu-
6 cation, divided by the minimum
7 number of course hours required
8 for full-time pursuit of the pro-
9 gram of education, rounded to
10 the nearest multiple of 10.”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply to a program of education begin-
13 ning on or after August 1, 2024.

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