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# H. R. 5901

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2021

Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina) 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 “Veterans Education  
5 is Timeless Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF DELIMITING DATES UNDER DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EDU-**  
3 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) ALL VOLUNTEER FORCE EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-  
5 ANCE PROGRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3031 of title 38,  
7 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 3031. No time limitation for use of eligibility and**  
9 **entitlement**

10 “Educational assistance benefits shall be afforded an  
11 eligible veteran under this chapter at any time and are  
12 not subject to any delimiting date.”.

13 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
14 tions at the beginning of chapter 30 of such title is  
15 amended by striking the item relating to section  
16 3031 and inserting the following new item:

“3031. No time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement.”.

17 (b) POST-VIETNAM EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PRO-  
18 GRAM.—Section 3232 of title 38, United States Code, is  
19 amended—

20 (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and

21 (2) by inserting the following new subsections  
22 (a) and (b):

23 “(a) Educational assistance benefits shall be afforded  
24 an eligible veteran under this chapter at any time and are  
25 not subject to any delimiting date.

1 “(b) The Secretary shall refund to a veteran any con-  
2 tributions made by the veteran if the veteran applies for  
3 such refund.”.

4 (c) POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PRO-  
5 GRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3321 of such title is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 3321. No time limitation for use of eligibility and**  
9 **entitlement**

10 “Educational assistance benefits shall be afforded an  
11 eligible person under this chapter at any time and are not  
12 subject to any delimiting date.”.

13 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
14 tions at the beginning of chapter 33 of such title is  
15 amended by striking the item relating to section  
16 3321 and inserting the following new item:

“3321. No time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement.”.

17 (d) FRY SCHOLARSHIP.—Paragraph (2) of sub-  
18 section (f) of section 3311 of such title is amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 “(2) NO TIME LIMITATION.—The entitlement of  
21 an individual to assistance under subsection (a) pur-  
22 suant to paragraphs (8), (9), and (10) of subsection  
23 (b) shall not expire and shall not be subject to any  
24 delimiting date.”.

1 (e) SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL  
2 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3512 of such title is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 3512. No time limitation for use of eligibility and**  
6 **entitlement**

7 “Educational assistance benefits shall be afforded an  
8 eligible person under this chapter at any time and are not  
9 subject to any delimiting date.”.

10 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
11 tions at the beginning of chapter 35 of such title is  
12 amended by striking the item relating to section  
13 3512 and inserting the following new item:

“3512. No time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement.”.

14 (f) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—The amend-  
15 ments made by this section shall take effect on the date  
16 of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect  
17 to any person who is or was entitled to educational assist-  
18 ance before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this  
19 Act.

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