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2D SESSION

# H. R. 9854

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. VALADAO) 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 “Education Flexibility  
5 for Veteran Parents Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND FOR**  
2 **PARENTS PURSUING A PROGRAM OF EDU-**  
3 **CATION THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING**  
4 **USING POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**

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

7 (1) by striking “case of an individual” and in-  
8 serting the following: “case of—

9 “(I) an individual not described  
10 in subclause (II)”; and

11 (2) in subclause (I), as designated by paragraph  
12 (1), by striking the period at the end and inserting  
13 “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
15 clause:

16 “(II) an individual who is the  
17 parent of a dependent child pursuing  
18 a program of education solely through  
19 distance learning on more than a half-  
20 time basis, a monthly housing stipend  
21 equal to the amount of monthly hous-  
22 ing stipend the individual would re-  
23 ceive under clause (i) if the individual  
24 was physically participating in a ma-  
25 jority of classes in a campus of the in-  
26 stitution of higher learning in the ZIP

1 Code area in which the individual re-  
2 sides.”.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
4 section (a) shall apply with respect to the first academic  
5 year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act  
6 and each academic year thereafter.

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