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S. 3328

To amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the payment of monthly housing stipends under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. STABENOW introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Student Veterans
5 Housing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND UNDER**
2 **POST-9/11 VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-**
3 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) PAYMENT OF MONTHLY.—Section 3313 of title
5 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new subsection (k):

7 “(k) PAYMENT OF MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND.—
8 The Secretary may not withhold payment of a monthly
9 housing stipend under this section to an individual in con-
10 nection with pursuit of a program of education at an insti-
11 tution of higher learning during a school term based on
12 a holiday or any other day on which the institution is oth-
13 erwise closed during such term.”.

14 (b) PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS BETWEEN
15 SCHOOL TERMS.—Such section is further amended by
16 adding at the end the following new subsection (l):

17 “(l) PAYMENT OF MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND FOR
18 CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS BETWEEN SCHOOL TERMS.—

19 “(1) CONSECUTIVE TERMS AT SAME INSTITU-
20 TION.—If educational assistance is payable under
21 this chapter to an individual for pursuit of a pro-
22 gram of education at an institution of higher learn-
23 ing in consecutive school terms, the second of which
24 does not being immediately after the first, the
25 monthly housing stipend payable to the individual
26 under this section in connection with such assistance

1 as of the end of the first term shall be payable to
2 the individual during the period between such terms
3 if—

4 “(A) the institution certifies to the Sec-
5 retary that the individual is enrolled in the in-
6 stitution on an individual term basis;

7 “(B) the period between such terms does
8 not exceed eight weeks; and

9 “(C) the length of each such term is not
10 less than the length of the period between such
11 terms.

12 “(2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS AT DIFFERENT IN-
13 STITUTIONS.—If an individual being paid edu-
14 cational assistance under this chapter for a school
15 term at an institution of higher learning (the pre-
16 ceding term) transfers at the end of the preceding
17 term to another institution of higher learning for
18 pursuit of a qualifying program of education com-
19 mencing in the next school term (the following
20 term), the individual shall be paid the amount of the
21 monthly housing stipend payable to the individual
22 under this section in connection with such assistance
23 for the preceding term during the period between
24 the preceding term and the following term if the
25 length of such period does not exceed 30 days.”.

1 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the
2 amendments made by this section shall be construed to
3 alter eligibility for monthly housing stipends under the
4 Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program
5 under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, or any
6 other program of educational assistance carried out by the
7 Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

8 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that, in carrying out any program of educational as-
10 sistance in addition to the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational
11 Assistance Program in which a monthly housing stipend
12 is payable in connection with receipt of such assistance
13 under such program, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
14 should apply the requirements and limitations in sub-
15 sections (k) and (l) of section 3313 of title 38, United
16 States Code (as amended by this section), in the payment
17 of such stipends, to the extent applicable.

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