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# H. R. 1206

To amend title 38, United States Code, to include the cost of applying to an institution of higher learning as part of the benefits provided under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Mr. MESSER (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. WALKER, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RUSH, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HECK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ISSA, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. FASO, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Reducing Barriers for  
3 Veterans Education Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. COSTS OF APPLYING TO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**  
5 **LEARNING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 38, United  
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3315A  
8 the following new section:

9 **“§ 3315B. Costs of applying to institution of higher**  
10 **learning**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual entitled to edu-  
12 cational assistance under this chapter shall also be entitled  
13 to educational assistance for the application fee required  
14 to apply to an approved program of education at an insti-  
15 tution of higher learning.

16 “(b) AMOUNT.—The total amount of educational as-  
17 sistance payable under this chapter to an individual for  
18 applications described in subsection (a) is the lesser of—

19 “(1) the total application fees charged to the in-  
20 dividual by the institutions of higher learning; or

21 “(2) \$750.

22 “(c) CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—The number  
23 of months (and any fraction thereof) of entitlement  
24 charged an individual under this chapter for an applica-  
25 tion described in subsection (a) shall be determined at the

1 rate of one month for each amount that equals the amount  
2 determined under section 3315A(c)(2) of this title.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
4 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
5 after the item relating to section 3315A the following new  
6 item:

“3315B. Costs of applying to institution of higher learning.”.

