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H. R. 4140

To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2012

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Restore the Promise
5 GI Bill”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF TIME LIMITATION FOR USE OF**
2 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTITLEMENT TO EDU-**
3 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MONT-**
4 **GOMERY GI BILL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3031 of chapter 30 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 **“§ 3031. Extension of entitlement to educational as-**
9 **sistance expiring during a quarter or se-**
10 **mester or after a major portion of a**
11 **course is complete**

12 “(a) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OPERATING ON
13 QUARTER OR SEMESTER SYSTEM.—If an individual eligi-
14 ble for educational assistance under this chapter is en-
15 rolled under this chapter in an educational institution reg-
16 ularly operated on the quarter or semester system and the
17 period of such individual’s entitlement under this chapter
18 would, under section 3013, expire during a quarter or se-
19 mester, such period shall be extended to the end of such
20 quarter or semester.

21 “(b) OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—If an in-
22 dividual eligible for educational assistance under this
23 chapter is enrolled under this chapter in an educational
24 institution not regularly operated on the quarter or semes-
25 ter system and the period of such individual’s entitlement
26 under this chapter would, under section 3013, expire after

1 a major portion of the course is completed, such period
2 shall be extended to the end of the course or for 12 weeks,
3 whichever is the lesser period of extension.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
5 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by striking
6 the item relating to section 3031 and inserting the fol-
7 lowing new item:

“3031. Extension of entitlement to educational assistance expiring during a
quarter or semester or after a major portion of a course is
complete.”.

8 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such title is further
9 amended—

10 (1) in section 3018C(e)(3)(B)—

11 (A) by striking “(i) The Secretary” and in-
12 serting “The Secretary”; and

13 (B) by striking clause (ii);

14 (2) in section 3020—

15 (A) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “Sub-
16 ject to the time limitation for use of entitlement
17 under section 3031 of this title, an” and insert-
18 ing “An”; and

19 (B) in subsection (h), by striking para-
20 graph (5) and redesignating paragraphs (6) and
21 (7) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

22 (3) in section 3321(b), by striking paragraphs
23 (1) and (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) and
24 (4) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.

1 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
2 section (a) shall apply with respect to any person who has
3 been entitled to educational assistance under chapter 30
4 of title 38, United States Code, at any time.

5 (e) OUTREACH REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of
6 Veterans Affairs shall carry out appropriate outreach ac-
7 tivities designed to inform veterans who may be able to
8 use their entitlement to educational assistance under such
9 chapter by reason of the amendment made by subsection
10 (a) of the elimination of the time limitation for the use
11 of such entitlement.

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