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H. R. 2301

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make payments to educational institutions under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program at the end of a quarter, semester, or term, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2011

Mr. STUTZMAN introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Streamlining Edu-
5 cation Claims Processing Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 3301 of title 38, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
4 graphs:

5 “(5) The term ‘quarter, semester, or term’
6 means the academic period during which a course of
7 education is pursued, as established by the edu-
8 cational institution offering the course of education.

9 “(6) The term ‘full-time pursuit’ means, with
10 respect to a program of education, the pursuit of
11 such program of education during any quarter, se-
12 mester, or term on a basis that the educational insti-
13 tution offering the program of education has estab-
14 lished and treats as full-time for that quarter, se-
15 mester, or term.”.

16 **SEC. 3. PAYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AT THE**
17 **END OF A QUARTER, SEMESTER, OR TERM**
18 **UNDER POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**
19 **PROGRAM.**

20 (a) PAYMENT.—Subsection (d)(1) of section 3313 of
21 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
22 end the following new sentence: “Such payments shall be
23 payable not later than 30 days following receipt of the
24 charges incurred by the individual entitled to educational
25 assistance under this chapter at the end of the quarter,
26 semester, or term, as the case may be.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a quarter, semes-
3 ter, or term that begins on or after August 1, 2011.

4 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF COST PER CREDIT HOUR.**

5 Section 3313(h) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “(h) PAYMENT OF ESTAB-
8 LISHED CHARGES TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITU-
9 TIONS.—Amounts” and inserting:

10 “(g) PAYMENT OF ESTABLISHED CHARGES.—

11 “(1) PAYMENT TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITU-
12 TIONS.—Amounts”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(2) DETERMINATION OF COST PER CREDIT
16 HOUR.—In determining the established charges for
17 each credit hour of a program of education for any
18 term, quarter, or semester, the Secretary shall divide
19 the total cost of the tuition for enrollment in the
20 program of education on a full-time basis for that
21 term, quarter, or semester by the number of credit
22 hours the educational institution offering the pro-
23 gram of education has established and treats as full-
24 time for that term, quarter, or semester.”.

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