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H. R. 3349

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “National Guard and
3 Reserve Equality in Education Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO USE NON-RESIDENT COMPO-**
5 **NENT TO PROVIDE PORTION OF JOINT PRO-**
6 **FSSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION PHASE II**
7 **PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION.**

8 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION PRO-**
9 **GRAM FOR PHASE II INSTRUCTION.**—Section 2154(a)(2)
10 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking
11 “taught in residence at” and inserting “taught in resi-
12 dence at, or through a combination of distance learning
13 and resident instruction by”.

14 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT REGARDING DURA-**
15 **TION OF PRINCIPAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTION AT JOINT**
16 **FORCES STAFF COLLEGE.**—Section 2156(a) of such title
17 is amended by striking “than 10 weeks of resident instruc-
18 tion.” and inserting the following: “than—

19 “(1) 10 weeks of resident instruction; or

20 “(2) if the principal course of instruction in-
21 cludes a distance learning component, 160 hours of
22 resident instruction.”.

23 (c) **TREATMENT OF OFFICERS WHO PREVIOUSLY**
24 **COMPLETED DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM.**—In the
25 case of each officer of the Armed Forces who, before the
26 date of the enactment of this Act, completed the distance

1 education program developed by the Department of De-
2 fense to provide advanced joint professional military edu-
3 cation through a combination of distance learning and
4 resident instruction, but who was awarded credit for only
5 Phase I joint professional military education upon comple-
6 tion of the program, the Secretary of Defense shall award
7 the officer retroactive credit for Phase II joint professional
8 military education.

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