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To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase vocational rehabilitation and employment assistance, and for other purposes.

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Mr. FILNER 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 “Equity for Injured Vet-
5 erans Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND**
7 **EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.**

8 (a) PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY.—Section 3103(a) of
9 title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking
10 “twelve-year” and inserting “fifteen-year”.

1 (b) INCREASED ALLOWANCE.—Section 3108 of such
2 title is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or (j)”
5 after “subsection (f)”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “two
7 months” and inserting “six months”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(j)(1) As part of a vocational rehabilitation program
11 under this chapter, a veteran who is eligible for and enti-
12 tled to rehabilitation under this chapter may elect to pur-
13 sue an approved program of education and receive assist-
14 ance under this chapter to the extent that such veteran
15 has remaining eligibility for and entitlement to assistance
16 under this section, if the Secretary approves the edu-
17 cational, professional, or vocational objective chosen by
18 such veteran for such program.

19 “(2) The amount of assistance a veteran shall receive
20 pursuant to paragraph (1) is as follows:

21 “(A) In the case of a veteran who is considered
22 a covered individual for purposes of section 3311 of
23 this title, monthly amounts equal to the monthly
24 amounts the veteran is eligible to receive for edu-
25 cational assistance under section 3313 of this title

1 (including the monthly stipend provided under sec-
2 tion 3313(c)(1)(B)).

3 “(B) In the case of a veteran who is not consid-
4 ered a covered individual for purposes of section
5 3311 of this title, monthly amounts equal to the
6 monthly amounts the Secretary determines would be
7 payable to such veteran if such veteran were eligible
8 to receive educational assistance under section 3313
9 of this title (including the monthly stipend provided
10 under section 3313(c)(1)(B)).

11 “(3) If a veteran makes an election under paragraph
12 (1), the terms and conditions applicable to the pursuit of
13 a comparable program of education and the payment of
14 allowances and provision of assistance under chapter 33
15 of this title for such a comparable program shall be ap-
16 plied to the pursuit of the approved program of education
17 under this chapter.”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply with respect to a veteran who is
20 eligible for and entitled to rehabilitation under chapter 31
21 of title 38, United States Code, on or after the date of
22 the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. CHILD CARE; PRESIDENT'S BUDGET.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 38, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new sections:

5 **“§ 3123. Child care assistance for single parents**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to regulations pre-
7 scribed by the Secretary to carry out this section, the Sec-
8 retary shall provide reimbursements for the actual cost of
9 child care provided by a licensed provider to a veteran
10 who—

11 “(1) is participating in a vocational rehabilita-
12 tion program under this chapter;

13 “(2) is the sole caretaker of a child; and

14 “(3) would not otherwise be able to afford such
15 child care.

16 “(b) AMOUNT AND DURATION.—The amount of the
17 reimbursement for the actual cost for child care under this
18 section shall be not more than \$2,000 per month for each
19 month the veteran is participating in a vocational rehabili-
20 tation program under this chapter.

21 **“§ 3124. Information included in support of Presi-
22 dent's budget**

23 “The Secretary shall include in documents submitted
24 to Congress by the Secretary in support of the President's
25 budget for each fiscal year submitted under section 1105
26 of title 31, United States Code, the following:

1 “(1) For the calendar year preceding the sub-
2 mission—

3 “(A) the percentage of veterans receiving
4 assistance under this chapter who became em-
5 ployed; and

6 “(B) the percentage of veterans receiving
7 assistance under this chapter who achieved
8 independence in daily living.

9 “(2) Any changes made by the Secretary in
10 measuring or calculating the performance of the de-
11 partment under this chapter.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
13 at the beginning of such chapter 31 is amended by adding
14 at the end the following:

“3123. Child care assistance for single parents.

“3124. Information included in support of President’s budget.”.

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