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H. R. 5901

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the elimination of delimiting dates under the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2021

Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina) 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 “Veterans Education
5 is Timeless Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF DELIMITING DATES UNDER DE-**
 2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EDU-**
 3 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) ALL VOLUNTEER FORCE EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-
 5 ANCE PROGRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3031 of title 38,
 7 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 3031. No time limitation for use of eligibility and**
 9 **entitlement**

10 “Educational assistance benefits shall be afforded an
 11 eligible veteran under this chapter at any time and are
 12 not subject to any delimiting date.”.

13 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 14 tions at the beginning of chapter 30 of such title is
 15 amended by striking the item relating to section
 16 3031 and inserting the following new item:

“3031. No time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement.”.

17 (b) POST-VIETNAM EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PRO-
 18 GRAM.—Section 3232 of title 38, United States Code, is
 19 amended—

20 (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and

21 (2) by inserting the following new subsections
 22 (a) and (b):

23 “(a) Educational assistance benefits shall be afforded
 24 an eligible veteran under this chapter at any time and are
 25 not subject to any delimiting date.

1 “(b) The Secretary shall refund to a veteran any con-
 2 tributions made by the veteran if the veteran applies for
 3 such refund.”.

4 (c) POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PRO-
 5 GRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3321 of such title is
 7 amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 3321. No time limitation for use of eligibility and**
 9 **entitlement**

10 “Educational assistance benefits shall be afforded an
 11 eligible person under this chapter at any time and are not
 12 subject to any delimiting date.”.

13 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 14 tions at the beginning of chapter 33 of such title is
 15 amended by striking the item relating to section
 16 3321 and inserting the following new item:

“3321. No time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement.”.

17 (d) FRY SCHOLARSHIP.—Paragraph (2) of sub-
 18 section (f) of section 3311 of such title is amended to read
 19 as follows:

20 “(2) NO TIME LIMITATION.—The entitlement of
 21 an individual to assistance under subsection (a) pur-
 22 suant to paragraphs (8), (9), and (10) of subsection
 23 (b) shall not expire and shall not be subject to any
 24 delimiting date.”.

1 (e) SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL
2 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3512 of such title is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 3512. No time limitation for use of eligibility and**
6 **entitlement**

7 “Educational assistance benefits shall be afforded an
8 eligible person under this chapter at any time and are not
9 subject to any delimiting date.”.

10 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
11 tions at the beginning of chapter 35 of such title is
12 amended by striking the item relating to section
13 3512 and inserting the following new item:

“3512. No time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement.”.

14 (f) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—The amend-
15 ments made by this section shall take effect on the date
16 of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect
17 to any person who is or was entitled to educational assist-
18 ance before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act.

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