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# H. R. 2764

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Washington 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

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Education  
3 for Military Families Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT TO BASIC EDU-**  
5 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALL MEMBERS**  
6 **OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 3020 of  
8 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by striking paragraph (2);

10 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
11 graph (2); and

12 (3) by adding “and” at the end of paragraph  
13 (1).

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Such section  
15 is further amended—

16 (A) in the heading, by striking

17 **“: members of the Armed Forces with critical mili-**  
18 **tary skills”;**

19 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “with critical  
20 military skills”; and

21 (C) in subsection (i), by striking “subsection  
22 (b)(3)” and inserting “subsection (b)(2)”.

23 (2) The item relating to section 3020 in the table of  
24 sections at the beginning of chapter 30 of such title is  
25 amended by striking the following:

“: members of the Armed Forces with critical military skills”.

1 **SEC. 3. SIX MONTH PERIOD FOR ELECTION TO ENROLL**  
2 **UNDER MONTGOMERY GI BILL.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The second sentence of section  
4 3011(c)(1) and section 3012(d)(1) of title 38, United  
5 States Code, are each amended to read as follows: “Any  
6 such election shall be made at any time during the 180-  
7 day period that begins on the date the individual initially  
8 enters on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces.”.

9 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—(1) The first sen-  
10 tence of section 3011(b) of such title is amended by insert-  
11 ing “that begins after the individual indicates (in such  
12 form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe) the in-  
13 tent to receive educational assistance under this chapter”  
14 before “that such individual is entitled to such pay”.

15 (2) The first sentence of section 3011(c) of such title  
16 is amended by inserting “that begins after the individual  
17 indicates (in such form and manner as the Secretary may  
18 prescribe) the intent to receive educational assistance  
19 under this chapter” before “that such individual is entitled  
20 to such pay”.

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