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S. 2683

To amend title 38, United States Code, to modify certain authorities relating to educational assistance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2008

Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. LIMITATION TO NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS OF**
4 **ACCELERATED PAYMENTS OF EDUCATIONAL**
5 **ASSISTANCE LEADING TO EMPLOYMENT IN**
6 **HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY.**

7 (a) LIMITATION.—Section 3014A(b)(1) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended by inserting “not leading
9 to an associate or higher degree” after “approved program
10 of education”.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
 2 section (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment
 3 of this Act, and shall apply to individuals who first elect
 4 to receive accelerated payments of basic educational assist-
 5 ance under section 3014A of title 38, United States Code,
 6 on or after that date.

7 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF DELIMITING PERIODS FOR EXPANSION**
 8 **OF WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE OPPORTUNI-**
 9 **TIES.**

10 Section 3485(a)(4) of title 38, United States Code,
 11 is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraphs (A) and (C), by striking
 13 “, during the period preceding June 30, 2010,” each
 14 place it appears; and

15 (2) in subparagraph (F), by striking “During
 16 the period preceding June 30, 2010, an activity”
 17 and inserting “An activity”.

18 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
 19 **AMOUNTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EX-**
 20 **PENSES OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES IN**
 21 **THE ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL**
 22 **BENEFITS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of subsection (a)
 24 of section 3674 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
 25 ed to read as follows:

1 “(4) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry
2 out this section amounts as follows:

3 “(A) For fiscal year 2009, \$22,000,000.

4 “(B) For fiscal year 2010, \$24,000,000.

5 “(C) For fiscal year 2011, \$26,000,000.

6 “(D) For fiscal years after 2011, such sums as
7 may be necessary.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (2)(A)
9 of such subsection is amended by striking “out of amounts
10 available for the payment of readjustment benefits” and
11 inserting “out of amounts appropriated for the purpose
12 of carrying out this section”.

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