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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the use of entitlement under Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program for the pursuit of apprenticeships and on-job training.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. KISSELL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. MASSA, Mr. HOLT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. GRAYSON) 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 “Post-9/11 Veterans’
5 Job Training Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF ENTITLEMENT UNDER POST-9/11 VETERANS**
2 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR**
3 **APPRENTICESHIPS AND ON-JOB TRAINING.**

4 (a) ENTITLEMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
7 section 3319 the following new section:

8 **“§ 3320. Apprenticeships and on-job training**

9 “(a) MONTHLY BENEFIT.—Except as provided in
10 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the amount of the
11 monthly benefit payment to an individual pursuing a full-
12 time program of apprenticeship or other on-job training
13 under this chapter is—

14 “(1) for each of the first six months of the indi-
15 vidual’s pursuit of such program, 75 percent of the
16 monthly benefit payment otherwise payable to such
17 individual under this chapter;

18 “(2) for each of the second six months of the
19 individual’s pursuit of such program, 55 percent of
20 such monthly benefit payment; and

21 “(3) for each of the months following the first
22 12 months of the individual’s pursuit of such pro-
23 gram, 35 percent of such monthly benefit payment.

24 “(b) REDUCTION.—In any month in which an indi-
25 vidual pursuing a program of education consisting of a
26 program of apprenticeship or other on-job training fails

1 to complete 120 hours of training, the amount of the
2 monthly benefit payment payable under this chapter to the
3 individual shall be limited to the same proportion of the
4 applicable rate determined under subsection (a) of this
5 section as the number of hours worked during such month,
6 rounded to the nearest eight hours, bears to 120 hours.

7 “(c) HOUSING ALLOWANCE.—An individual receiving
8 a monthly benefit pursuant to this section shall receive
9 a monthly housing stipend amount equal to the monthly
10 amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under
11 section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in
12 pay grade E-5 residing in the military housing area that
13 encompasses all or the majority portion of the ZIP code
14 area in which the individual resides.

15 “(d) CHARGE TO ENTITLEMENT.—For each month
16 that an individual is paid a monthly benefit payment
17 under this chapter, the individual’s entitlement under this
18 chapter shall be charged at the rate of—

19 “(1) 75 percent of a month in the case of pay-
20 ments made in accordance with subsection (a)(1) of
21 this section;

22 “(2) 55 percent of a month in the case of pay-
23 ments made in accordance with subsection (a)(2) of
24 this section; and

1 “(3) 35 percent of a month in the case of pay-
2 ments made in accordance with subsection (a)(3) of
3 this section.

4 “(e) REDUCED CHARGE TO ENTITLEMENT.—For
5 any month in which an individual fails to complete 120
6 hours of training, the entitlement otherwise chargeable
7 under subsection (c) of this section shall be reduced in
8 the same proportion as the monthly benefit payment pay-
9 able is reduced under subsection (b) of this section.”.

10 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
11 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
12 by inserting after the item relating to section 3319
13 the following new item:

“3320. Apprenticeships and on-job training.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is fur-
15 ther amended as follows:

16 (1) Subsection (b) of section 3313 of such title
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 “(b) APPROVED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.—A pro-
19 gram of education is an approved program of education
20 for purposes of this chapter if the program of education—

21 “(1) is—

22 “(A) offered by an institution of higher
23 learning (as that term is defined in section
24 3452(f) of this title; and

1 “(B) approved for purposes of chapter 30
2 of this title (including approval by the State ap-
3 proving agency concerned; or

4 “(2) in the case of an individual who is not
5 serving on active duty, includes a program of ap-
6 prenticeship or of other on-job training approved as
7 provided in clause (1) or (2), as appropriate, of sec-
8 tion 3687(a) of this title.”.

9 (2) Section 3313(a) of such title by inserting
10 after “subsections (e) and (f)” the following: “or
11 section 3320 of this title”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this Act shall take effect as if included in the enactment
14 of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of
15 2008 (title V of Public Law 110–252).

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