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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3467

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2009

Mr. CARNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Education  
5 Enhancement and Fairness Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND UNDER POST-9/11**  
2 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR**  
3 **INDIVIDUALS PURSUING PROGRAMS OF EDU-**  
4 **CATION OFFERED THROUGH DISTANCE**  
5 **LEARNING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3313(c)(1)(B)(i) of title  
7 38, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking the following: “(other than, in  
9 the case of assistance under this section only, a pro-  
10 gram of education offered through distance learn-  
11 ing)”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following: “, ex-  
13 cept that in the case of an individual pursuing a pro-  
14 gram of education offered through distance learning,  
15 the amount of the monthly housing stipend under  
16 this clause shall be the amount equal to the monthly  
17 amount of the basic allowance for housing payable  
18 under section 403 of title 37 for a member with de-  
19 pendents in pay grade E–5 residing in the military  
20 housing area that encompasses all or the majority  
21 portion of the ZIP code area in which the individual  
22 resides.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
24 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a month begin-  
25 ning on or after the date that is 180 days after the date  
26 of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE IN**  
2 **THE RESERVE COMPONENTS AS QUALIFYING**  
3 **SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF POST-9/11 EDU-**  
4 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3301(1) of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following new subparagraph:

8 “(C) In the case of members of the Army  
9 National Guard or Air National Guard of any  
10 State, full-time duty under section 502(f) of  
11 title 32, including duty in support of any home-  
12 land security operation, natural disaster related  
13 operation, counter-narcotic operation, or border  
14 security operation and duty in the Active Guard  
15 Reserve.”.

16 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
17 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180  
18 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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