

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6369

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. NYE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “MyCAA Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER ADVANCEMENT AC-**
2 **COUNT PROGRAM (MYCAA).**

3 (a) CODIFICATION OF MYCAA PROGRAM.—Sub-
4 section (a) of section 1784a of title 10, United States
5 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(3)(A) As one of the programs established under
8 this section to assist spouses of members of the armed
9 forces, the Secretary shall continue to carry out the Mili-
10 tary Spouse Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) pro-
11 gram, under which an eligible spouse may receive up to
12 \$6,000 in tuition assistance for education and training
13 courses and licensing and credentialing fees.

14 “(B) Financial assistance provided under the MyCAA
15 program shall be available to cover the costs of the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(i) State certifications for teachers, medical
18 professionals, and other occupations requiring recog-
19 nized certifications.

20 “(ii) Licensing exams and related preparation
21 courses.

22 “(iii) Continuing education classes, including
23 classes offered through professional associations.

24 “(iv) Degree programs, including programs at
25 four-year colleges and universities, leading to em-
26 ployment in portable careers.

1 “(v) Secondary education completion courses,
2 GED tests, and English as a Second Language
3 (ESL) classes.

4 “(C) Financial assistance provided under the MyCAA
5 program may not be used to pay for computers, applica-
6 tion, graduation or membership fees, student activity
7 cards, child care, parking, transportation, or medical serv-
8 ices.

9 “(D) An eligible spouse must obtain an approved
10 MyCAA Financial Assistance document before incurring
11 the tuition fees for which payment under the program is
12 sought. The MyCAA program does not provide reimburse-
13 ments of any kind to spouses for any reason. Once the
14 eligible spouse obtains the MyCAA Financial Assistance
15 document, there is no deadline before which the spouse
16 must complete the education or training courses for which
17 assistance is sought under the program.”.

18 (b) GUARANTEE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OP-
19 PORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY SPOUSES.—Subsection
20 (a)(1) of such section is amended by striking “may estab-
21 lish” and inserting “shall establish”.

22 (c) ELIGIBLE MILITARY SPOUSES.—Subsection (b)
23 of such section is amended—

24 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Assistance”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(2) The Secretary of Defense may not restrict par-
4 ticipation in the MyCAA program required by subsection
5 (a)(3) to the spouses of members serving in particular
6 grades. Instead, subject to the availability of funds for the
7 MyCAA program, the Secretary shall make the MyCAA
8 program available to all eligible spouses.”.

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