

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 3488

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2012

Mr. BROWN of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER POST-9/11**  
 2 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS**  
 3 **PURSUING A DEGREE IN SCIENCE, TECH-**  
 4 **NOLOGY, ENGINEERING, OR MATH.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 33 of  
 6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
 7 section 3316 the following new section:

8 **“§ 3316A. Additional educational assistance for vet-**  
 9 **erans pursuing a degree in science, tech-**  
 10 **nology, engineering, or math**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pay to each  
 12 individual entitled to educational assistance under this  
 13 chapter who is pursuing a program of education described  
 14 in subsection (b) an amount equal to \$2,000 per academic  
 15 year, or fraction thereof for enrollment lasting less than  
 16 one academic year. Amounts payable to an individual  
 17 under this section are in addition to any other amounts  
 18 payable to such individual under this chapter.

19 “(b) COVERED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.—A pro-  
 20 gram of education described in this subsection is a pro-  
 21 gram of education with a focus (as determined in accord-  
 22 ance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary for pur-  
 23 poses of this section) on science, technology, engineering,  
 24 or math.

25 “(c) FREQUENCY OF PAYMENT.—Payment of the  
 26 amount payable under subsection (a) shall be made in a

1 lump-sum amount for the entire quarter, semester, or  
2 term, as applicable, of the program of education at the  
3 start of the commencement of such quarter, semester, or  
4 term.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
6 at the beginning of chapter 30 of such title is amended  
7 by inserting after the item relating to section 3020 the  
8 following new item:

“3316A. Additional educational assistance for veterans pursuing a degree in  
science, technology, engineering, or math.”.

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