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# S. 894

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2013

Mr. SANDERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY**  
2 **FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING WORK-STUDY AC-**  
3 **TIVITIES FOR PURPOSES OF THE EDU-**  
4 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THE**  
5 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF EXPIRING CURRENT AUTHOR-  
7 ITY.—Section 3485(a)(4) of title 38, United States Code,  
8 is amended by striking “June 30, 2013” each place it ap-  
9 pears and inserting “June 30, 2016”.

10 (b) EXPANSION TO OUTREACH SERVICES PROVIDED  
11 THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES.—Such section is  
12 further amended by adding at the end the following new  
13 subparagraph:

14 “(K) During the period beginning on June 30,  
15 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016, the following  
16 activities carried out at the offices of Members of  
17 Congress for such Members:

18 “(i) The distribution of information to  
19 members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and  
20 their dependents about the benefits and services  
21 under laws administered by the Secretary and  
22 other appropriate governmental and non-gov-  
23 ernmental programs.

24 “(ii) The preparation and processing of pa-  
25 pers and other documents, including documents  
26 to assist in the preparation and presentation of

1 claims for benefits under laws administered by  
2 the Secretary.”.

3 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 30 each  
5 year, beginning with 2014 and ending with 2016,  
6 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to  
7 Congress a report on the work-study allowances paid  
8 under paragraph (1) of section 3485(a) of title 38,  
9 United States Code, during the most recent one-year  
10 period for qualifying work-study activities described  
11 in paragraph (4) of such section, as amended by  
12 subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

13 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under  
14 paragraph (1) shall include, for the year covered by  
15 such report, the following:

16 (A) A description of the recipients of such  
17 work-study allowances.

18 (B) A list of the locations where qualifying  
19 work-study activities were carried out.

20 (C) A description of the outreach con-  
21 ducted by the Secretary to increase awareness  
22 of the eligibility of such work-study activities  
23 for such work-study allowances.

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