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H. R. 2230

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Mr. CISNEROS 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 “Break Relief for Every
5 Academic Kind of Period in an Academic Year for Vet-
6 erans Act” or the “BREAK PAY for Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE OR SUB-**
2 **SISTENCE ALLOWANCES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS DURING SEMESTER BREAKS.**

4 Section 3680(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; or” and
7 inserting a semicolon;

8 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “dis-
9 approval.” and inserting “disapproval; or”;

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraph:

12 “(C) during periods between school terms,
13 quarters, or semesters where the educational institu-
14 tion certifies the enrollment of the eligible veteran or
15 eligible person on an individual term basis if—

16 “(i) the period between those terms, quar-
17 ters, or semesters does not exceed eight weeks;
18 and

19 “(ii) both terms, quarters, or semesters im-
20 mediately preceding and immediately following
21 the period are not shorter in length than the
22 period.”; and

23 (4) by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

25 “(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
26 chapter or chapter 35 of this title, any payment of an edu-

1 cational assistance allowance described in paragraph
2 (2)(C) of this subsection shall not—

3 “(A) be charged against the entitlement of any
4 individual under this chapter; or

5 “(B) be counted toward the aggregate period
6 for which section 3695 of this title limits the receipt
7 of assistance of an individual.”.

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