IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period under which an election must be made for entitlement to educational assistance under the All-Volunteer Educational Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Affairs, to phase out the use of such program, and for other purposes.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “GI Bill Planning Act
of 2019”.

SEC. 2. PERIOD FOR ELECTION TO RECEIVE BENEFITS
UNDER ALL-VOLUNTEER EDUCATIONAL AS-
SISTANCE PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) In general.—Section 3011 of title 38, United
States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “Any such
election shall be made at the time the individual ini-
tially enters on active duty as a member of the
Armed Forces” and inserting “Any such election
shall be made during the 90-day period beginning on
the day that is 180 days after the date on which the
individual initially enters initial training”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “that such
individual is entitled to such pay” and inserting
“that begin after the date that is 270 days after the
date on which the individual initially enters initial
training”.

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(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. Phase Out of All-Volunteer Educational Assistance Program.

Subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 3011 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by section 1, is further amended by striking “after June 30, 1985” and inserting “during the period beginning July 1, 1985, and ending September 30, 2029”.

SEC. 4. Determination of Budgetary Effects.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives November 12, 2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON, Clerk.