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# H. R. 5052

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wage Adjustment for  
5 Veterans Enrolled in School Act” or the “WAVES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMOUNT OF WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE UNDER DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EDU-**  
3 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (6) of section 3485(a)  
5 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 “(6) For the purposes of this subsection and  
8 subsection (e), the term ‘applicable hourly minimum  
9 wages’ means the higher of the following wages:

10 “(A) The hourly minimum wage under sec-  
11 tion 6(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of  
12 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)).

13 “(B) The hourly minimum wage under  
14 comparable law of the State in which the serv-  
15 ices are to be performed.

16 “(C) The hourly minimum wage under  
17 comparable law of the local government with ju-  
18 risdiction over the area in which the services  
19 are to be performed.”.

20 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
21 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a payment of  
22 work-study allowance made on or after January 1, 2021.

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