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# H. R. 730

To amend title 38, United States Code, to include the cost of applying to an institution of higher learning as part of the benefits provided under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2019

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. JONES, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. RYAN, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. WALKER, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. HECK) 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 “Reducing Barriers for  
5 Veterans Education Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. COSTS OF APPLYING TO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**  
 2 **LEARNING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 38, United  
 4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3315A  
 5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 3315B. Costs of applying to institution of higher**  
 7 **learning**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual entitled to edu-  
 9 cational assistance under this chapter shall also be entitled  
 10 to educational assistance for the application fee required  
 11 to apply to an approved program of education at an insti-  
 12 tution of higher learning.

13 “(b) AMOUNT.—The total amount of educational as-  
 14 sistance payable under this chapter to an individual for  
 15 applications described in subsection (a) is the lesser of—

16 “(1) the total application fees charged to the in-  
 17 dividual by the institutions of higher learning; or

18 “(2) \$750.

19 “(c) CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—The number  
 20 of months (and any fraction thereof) of entitlement  
 21 charged an individual under this chapter for an applica-  
 22 tion described in subsection (a) shall be determined at the  
 23 rate of one month for each amount that equals the amount  
 24 determined under section 3315A(c)(2) of this title.”.

25 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 26 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting

- 1 after the item relating to section 3315A the following new
- 2 item:

“3315B. Costs of applying to institution of higher learning.”.

