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# H. R. 1836

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the time during which members of the Armed Forces serve on active duty for training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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 “Guard and Reserve  
5 GI Bill Parity Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN**  
7 **RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD DUTY.**

8       (a) OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY.—Section 3311(b) of  
9 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

10           (1) by striking “(including” each place it ap-  
11 pears and inserting “(including other qualifying duty  
12 and”;

13           (2) by striking “(excluding” each place it ap-  
14 pears and inserting “(including other qualifying duty  
15 but excluding”; and

16           (3) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or other  
17 qualifying duty” after “active duty” both places it  
18 appears.

19       (b) OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY DEFINED.—Section  
20 3301 of such title is amended—

21           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
22 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

23           (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
24 lowing new paragraph:

1           “(3) The term ‘other qualifying duty’ means  
2 the following:

3           “(A) During the period beginning on Au-  
4 gust 1, 2025, and ending on July 31, 2032, ac-  
5 tive duty for training performed by a member  
6 of the Armed Forces—

7           “(i) on or after August 1, 2025; or

8           “(ii) before August 1, 2025, if such  
9 individual is a member of the Armed  
10 Forces on or after such date.

11          “(B) On or after August 1, 2032, duty  
12 performed before, on, or after such date that  
13 is—

14          “(i) active duty for training performed  
15 by a member of the Armed Forces; or

16          “(ii) inactive duty training performed  
17 by a member of the Armed Forces.”.

18          (c) TIME LIMITATION FOR USE OF ENTITLEMENT  
19 FOR OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY.—Section 3321 of such  
20 title is amended—

21           (1) in subsection (a)—

22           (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; or”  
23 and inserting a semicolon;

24           (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-  
25 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3 “(3) in the case of an individual whose entitle-  
4 ment is based on other qualifying duty performed—

5 “(A) before August 1, 2025, expires on the  
6 latter of—

7 “(i) the end of the 15-year period be-  
8 ginning on the date of the discharge or re-  
9 lease of such individual from the Armed  
10 Forces; or

11 “(ii) August 1, 2040; or

12 “(B) on or after August 1, 2025, shall not  
13 expire.”; and

14 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
15 following new paragraph:

16 “(6) INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO TWO PERI-  
17 ODS.—In the case of an individual subject to periods  
18 under paragraphs (1) and (3)(A) of subsection (a),  
19 the period under such paragraph (3)(A) shall apply  
20 to such individual’s entitlement.”.

21 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN FEES.**

22 (a) EXTENSION.—The loan fee table in section  
23 3729(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended  
24 by striking “January 14, 2031” each place it appears and  
25 inserting “October 1, 2031”.

1 (b) IRRRL RATE.—The item in subparagraph (E)  
 2 of the loan fee table under such section is amended to read  
 3 as follows:

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“(E)(i) Interest rate reduction refi- nancing loan (closed on or after July 1, 2022, and before October 1, 2030) .....	0.85	0.85	NA
(ii) Interest rate reduction refi- nancing loan (closed during a pe- riod not covered by clause (i)) ....	0.50	0.50	NA”.

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4 **SEC. 4. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO VETERANS DUR-**  
 5 **ING TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT.—In providing information to new  
 7 veterans regarding benefits administered by the Secretary  
 8 of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary shall ensure that the  
 9 information includes the following:

10 (1) A description of the medical care and serv-  
 11 ices for which the veteran will be eligible under  
 12 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, including  
 13 with respect to—

14 (A) community care under section 1703 of  
 15 such title;

16 (B) mental health care, including how to  
 17 access the Veterans Crisis Line established  
 18 under section 1720F(h) of such title; and

19 (C) care relating to military sexual trauma  
 20 (as defined in section 1166 of such title).

