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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Miss RICE of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

OCTOBER --, 2019

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 6, 2019]

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 “GI Bill Planning Act*
5 *of 2019”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PERIOD FOR ELECTION TO RECEIVE BENEFITS**

7 **UNDER ALL-VOLUNTEER EDUCATIONAL AS-**
8 **SISTANCE PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF**
9 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3011 of title 38, United*
11 *States Code, is amended—*

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

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

1 (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendments made by sub-*
2 *section (a) shall take effect one year after the date of enact-*
3 *ment of this Act.*

4 **SEC. 3. PHASE OUT OF ALL-VOLUNTEER EDUCATIONAL AS-**
5 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

6 Subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 3011 of title 38, United
7 States Code, as amended by section 2, is further amended
8 by striking “after June 30, 1985” and inserting “during
9 the period beginning July 1, 1985, and ending September
10 30, 2029”.

11 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-STATE TUITION.**

12 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 3679(c) of title 38, United
13 States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “less than
15 three years before the date of enrollment in the course
16 concerned”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (4)—

18 (A) by striking “It shall” and inserting
19 “(A) It shall”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new
21 subparagraph:

22 “(B) To the extent feasible, the Secretary shall make
23 publicly available on the internet website of the Department
24 a database explaining any requirements described in sub-
25 paragraph (A) that are established by a public institution

1 *of higher learning for an individual to be charged tuition*
2 *and fees at a rate that is equal to or less than the rate*
3 *the institution charges for tuition and fees for residents of*
4 *the State in which the institution is located. The Secretary*
5 *shall disapprove a course of education provided by such an*
6 *institution that does not provide the Secretary—*

7 “(i) *an initial explanation of such requirements;*

8 *and*

9 “(ii) *not later than 90 days after the date on*
10 *which any such requirements change, the updated re-*
11 *quirements.”.*

12 (b) *APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this sec-*
13 *tion shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or term,*
14 *as applicable, commencing on or after August 1, 2020.*