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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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”.

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

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3011 of title 38, United
 6 States Code, is amended—

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

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

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is one
 21 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 **SEC. 3. PHASE OUT OF ALL-VOLUNTEER EDUCATIONAL AS-**
 23 **SISTANCE PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF**
 24 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

25 Subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 3011 of title 38,
 26 United States Code, as amended by section 2, is further

1 amended by striking “after June 30, 1985” and inserting
 2 “during the period beginning July 1, 1985, and ending
 3 September 30, 2029”.

4 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
 5 **FAIRS REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-STATE TUI-**
 6 **TION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3679(c) of title 38,
 8 United States Code, is amended—

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

12 (2) in paragraph (4)—

13 (A) by striking “It shall” and inserting
 14 “(A) It shall”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 16 subparagraph:

17 “(B) To the extent feasible, the Secretary shall make
 18 publicly available on the Internet website of the Depart-
 19 ment a database explaining any requirements described in
 20 subparagraph (A) that are established by a public institu-
 21 tion of higher learning for an individual to be charged tui-
 22 tion and fees at a rate that is equal to or less than the
 23 rate the institution charges for tuition and fees for resi-
 24 dents of the State in which the institution is located. The
 25 Secretary shall disapprove a course of education provided

1 by such an institution that does not provide the Sec-
2 retary—

3 “(i) an initial explanation of such requirements;

4 and

5 “(ii) not later than 90 days after the date on
6 which any such requirements change, the updated
7 requirements.”.

8 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
9 section shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or
10 term, as applicable, commencing on or after August 1,
11 2020.

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