

115TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 798

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30, 2017

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Yellow Ribbon Im-  
3       provement Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF YELLOW RIBBON G.I. EDUCATION**  
5 **ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.**

6       Subsection (a) of section 3317 of title 38, United  
7       States Code, is amended to read as follows:

8       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

9               “(1) IN GENERAL.—In instances where the edu-  
10       cational assistance provided pursuant to subsections  
11       (c)(1)(A), (e)(2)(A), and (f)(2)(A) of section 3313 of  
12       this title does not cover the full cost of established  
13       charges (as specified in section 3313), the Secretary  
14       shall, subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection,  
15       carry out a program under which colleges and uni-  
16       versities can, voluntarily, enter into an agreement  
17       with the Secretary to cover a portion of those estab-  
18       lished charges not otherwise covered under sub-  
19       sections (c)(1)(A), (e)(2)(A), and (f)(2)(A) of section  
20       3313 of this title, which contributions shall be  
21       matched by equivalent contributions toward such  
22       costs by the Secretary.

23               “(2) LIMITATION.—The program carried out  
24       under paragraph (1) shall only apply to covered indi-

- 1       viduals described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (9) of
- 2       section 3311(b) of this title.”.

