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H. R. 3601

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for a certain work-study allowance paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain individuals who pursue programs of rehabilitation, education, or training on at least a half-time basis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CHU, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COSTA, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. EZELL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KEATING, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILD, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, and Mr. CROW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Student Veteran Work
3 Study Modernization Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR A**
5 **CERTAIN WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE PAID BY**
6 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO**
7 **CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO PURSUE CER-**
8 **TAIN PROGRAMS ON AT LEAST A HALF-TIME**
9 **BASIS.**

10 (a) **PILOT PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
11 fairs shall carry out a pilot program under which the Sec-
12 retary shall expand eligibility for the work-study allowance
13 under section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, to in-
14 dividuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation,
15 education, or training specified in subsection (b) of such
16 section at a rate equal to at least half of that required
17 of a full-time student.

18 (b) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER WORK-STUDY INDI-**
19 **VIDUALS.**—In carrying out the pilot program under sub-
20 section (a), the Secretary shall ensure the provisions of
21 section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, apply with
22 respect to the individuals specified in subsection (a) of this
23 section in the same manner as to the individuals specified
24 in subsection (b) of such section 3485, except with respect
25 to the requirement of at least three-quarter-time student
26 status.

1 (c) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
2 pilot program under subsection (a) during the five-year
3 period beginning on the date of the commencement of the
4 pilot program.

5 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING VETERANS WHO PAR-**
6 **TICIPATE IN WORK-STUDY.**

7 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary
9 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on
10 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-
11 tives a report regarding veterans who participate in work-
12 study. Such report shall include the following elements:

13 (1) The number of such veterans.

14 (2) The percentage of such veterans who obtain
15 a four-year degree.

16 (3) The number of such veterans who obtain
17 full-time work at the Department of Veterans Af-
18 fairs.

19 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

20 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
21 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
22 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
23 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
24 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
25 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-

- 1 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
- 2 vote on passage.

