

.....
(Original Signature of Member)

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R.

To amend title 38, United States Code, to include the cost of applying to an institution of higher learning as part of the benefits provided under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MURPHY of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to include the cost of applying to an institution of higher learning as part of the benefits provided under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

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 “Reducing Barriers for
5 Veterans Education Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. COSTS OF APPLYING TO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**
2 **LEARNING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3315A
5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 3315B. Costs of applying to institution of higher**
7 **learning**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual entitled to edu-
9 cational assistance under this chapter shall also be entitled
10 to educational assistance for the application fee required
11 to apply to an approved program of education at an insti-
12 tution of higher learning.

13 “(b) AMOUNT.—The total amount of educational as-
14 sistance payable under this chapter to an individual for
15 applications described in subsection (a) is the lesser of—

16 “(1) the total application fees charged to the in-
17 dividual by the institutions of higher learning; or

18 “(2) \$750.

19 “(c) CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—The number
20 of months (and any fraction thereof) of entitlement
21 charged an individual under this chapter for an applica-
22 tion described in subsection (a) shall be determined at the
23 rate of one month for each amount that equals the amount
24 determined under section 3315A(c)(2) of this title.”.

25 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
26 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting

- 1 after the item relating to section 3315A the following new
- 2 item:

“3315B. Costs of applying to institution of higher learning.”.