

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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In title XVII, subtitle B, add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17__.** **AUTHORITY FOR USE OF VETERANS EDU-**
2 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR EXAMINATIONS**
3 **AND ASSESSMENTS TO RECEIVE CREDIT TO-**
4 **WARD DEGREES AWARDED BY INSTITUTIONS**
5 **OF HIGHER LEARNING.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—An individual who is entitled to
7 veterans educational assistance may use such assistance
8 to cover the costs of covered examinations and assess-
9 ments to receive credit toward degrees awarded by institu-
10 tions of higher learning for approved programs of edu-
11 cation.

12 (b) **VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**—For
13 purposes of this section, veterans educational assistance
14 is educational assistance available to veterans and other
15 eligible individuals under the provisions of law as follows:

16 (1) Chapters 30, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of title 38,
17 United States Code.

1 (2) Any other provision of law providing edu-
2 cational assistance to a veteran, or to another indi-
3 vidual in connection with the service of a veteran in
4 the Armed Forces.

5 (c) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT USABLE.—The total
6 amount of veterans educational assistance that may be
7 used for the costs of a covered examination or assessment
8 under subsection (a) may not exceed the lesser of—

9 (1) the amount charged for the examination or
10 assessment by the entity administering the examina-
11 tion or assessment; or

12 (2) \$500.

13 (d) CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The number of months (or
15 fraction thereof) of entitlement charged an indi-
16 vidual under the applicable provision of law specified
17 in subsection (b) for use of veterans educational as-
18 sistance for costs of covered examinations and as-
19 sessments under this section shall be equal to the
20 quotient obtained by dividing—

21 (A) the cost of the examination or assess-
22 ment (as determined pursuant to subsection
23 (c)); by

24 (B) the monthly rate of veterans edu-
25 cational assistance to which the individual is en-

1 titled under such provision of law at the time
2 of the examination or assessment.

3 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—A charge
4 against entitlement to educational assistance under
5 a law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
6 fairs in order to receive assistance under this section
7 shall not be construed to affect entitlement to edu-
8 cational assistance under a law administered by the
9 Secretary of Defense, including entitlement to edu-
10 cational assistance under the Department of Defense
11 Tuition Assistance Program.

12 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “approved program of education”
14 means a program of education approved for use of
15 veterans educational assistance pursuant to chapter
16 35 or 36 of title 38, United States Code, or another
17 applicable provision of law.

18 (2) The term “covered examinations and assess-
19 ments” means the following:

20 (A) A DANTES Subject Standardized
21 Test Program (DSST) examination.

22 (B) A College Level Examination Program
23 (CLEP) examination.

24 (C) The National Career Readiness Certifi-
25 cate examination.

1 (D) Any other examination of a similar na-
2 ture to an exam specified in subparagraph (A),
3 (B), or (C) specified by the Secretary of Vet-
4 erans Affairs for purposes of this section.

5 (E) An assessment by an institution of
6 higher learning of a portfolio or written nar-
7 rative by a student with supporting documenta-
8 tion that demonstrates prior military training
9 or learning.

10 (3) The term “institution of higher learning”
11 has the meaning given such term in section 3452(f)
12 of title 38, United States Code.

