

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 54, add after line 2 the following:

1 **SEC. 11. RESTORATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO EDU-**
2 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER RELIEF**
3 **FOR VETERANS AFFECTED BY SCHOOL CLO-**
4 **SURE.**

5 (a) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3312 of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new subsection:

9 “(d) DISCONTINUATION OF EDUCATION DUE TO
10 SCHOOL CLOSURE.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any payment of edu-
12 cational assistance described in paragraph (2) shall
13 not—

14 “(A) be charged against any entitlement to
15 educational assistance of the individual con-
16 cerned under this chapter; or

17 “(B) be counted against the aggregate pe-
18 riod for which section 3695 of this title limits
19 the individual’s receipt of educational assistance
20 under this chapter.

1 “(2) DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT OF EDU-
2 CATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Subject to paragraph (3),
3 the payment of educational assistance described in
4 this paragraph is the payment of such assistance to
5 an individual for pursuit of a course or courses
6 under this chapter if the Secretary finds that the in-
7 dividual—

8 “(A) was forced to discontinue such course
9 pursuit as a result of a permanent school clo-
10 sure; and

11 “(B) did not receive credit, or lost training
12 time, toward completion of the program of edu-
13 cation being pursued at the time of such clo-
14 sure.

15 “(3) PERIOD FOR WHICH PAYMENT NOT
16 CHARGED.—The period for which, by reason of this
17 subsection, educational assistance is not charged
18 against entitlement or counted toward the applicable
19 aggregate period under section 3695 of this title
20 shall not exceed the aggregate of—

21 “(A) the portion of the period of enroll-
22 ment in the course or courses from which the
23 individual failed to receive credit or with respect
24 to which the individual lost training time, as de-
25 termined under paragraph (2)(B), and

1 “(B) the period by which monthly stipend
2 is extended under section 3680(a)(2)(B) of this
3 title.”.

4 (2) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (d) of such
5 section, as added by paragraph (1), shall apply with
6 respect to courses and programs of education discon-
7 tinued as described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of
8 paragraph (2) of such subsection in fiscal year 2015
9 or any fiscal year thereafter.

10 (b) MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3680(a) of such title
12 is amended—

13 (A) by striking the matter after paragraph
14 (3)(B);

15 (B) in paragraph (3), by redesignating
16 subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and
17 (ii), respectively;

18 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
19 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
20 respectively;

21 (D) in the matter before subparagraph
22 (A), as redesignated, in the first sentence, by
23 striking “Payment of” and inserting “(1) Ex-
24 cept as provided in paragraph (2), payment of”;
25 and

1 (E) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph (2):

3 “(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Secretary
4 may, pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary shall
5 prescribe, continue to pay allowances to eligible veterans
6 and eligible persons enrolled in courses set forth in para-
7 graph (1)(A)—

8 “(A) during periods when schools are tempo-
9 rarily closed under an established policy based on an
10 Executive order of the President or due to an emer-
11 gency situation, except that the total number of
12 weeks for which allowances may continue to be so
13 payable in any 12-month period may not exceed four
14 weeks; or

15 “(B) solely for the purpose of awarding a
16 monthly housing stipend described in section 3313
17 of this title, during periods following a permanent
18 school closure, except that payment of such a sti-
19 pend may only be continued until the earlier of—

20 “(i) the date of the end of the term, quar-
21 ter, or semester during which the school closure
22 occurred; and

23 “(ii) the date that is 4 months after the
24 date of the school closure.”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph
2 (1)(C)(ii) of such section, as redesignated, is amend-
3 ed by striking “described in subclause (A) of this
4 clause” and inserting “described in clause (ii)”.

