

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–****8****OFFERED BY MR. VASQUEZ OF NEW MEXICO**

At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_\_. ANNUAL INCREASE IN STIPEND FOR BOOKS,**  
2 **SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER EDU-**  
3 **CATIONAL COSTS UNDER POST-9/11 EDU-**  
4 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF DE-**  
5 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 Section 3313 of title 38, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (c)(1)(B)(iv)(I), by striking  
9 “\$1,000” and inserting “\$1,400”;

10 (2) in subsection (e)(2)(B)(i), by striking  
11 “\$1,000” and inserting “\$1,400”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
13 section:

14 “(m) ANNUAL INCREASE IN STIPEND FOR BOOKS,  
15 SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL  
16 COSTS.—With respect to fiscal year 2026 and each subse-  
17 quent fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide a percentage  
18 increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) in the amounts

1 payable under subsections (c)(1)(B)(iv)(I), (e)(2)(B)(i),  
2 and (g)(3)(A)(iii), equal to the percentage by which—

3 “(1) the Consumer Price Index for all urban  
4 consumers (U.S. city average) for the 12-month pe-  
5 riod ending on the June 30 preceding the beginning  
6 of the fiscal year for which the increase is made, ex-  
7 ceeds

8 “(2) the Consumer Price Index for the 12-  
9 month period preceding the 12-month period de-  
10 scribed in paragraph (1).”.

