

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MR. WALZ OF MINNESOTA

Page 54, after line 2, insert 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 OR DISAPPROVAL.**

5 (a) EFFECTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 36 of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new section:

9 **“§ 3699. Effects of closure or disapproval of edu-**
10 **ational institution**

11 “(a) CLOSURE OR DISAPPROVAL.—Any payment of
12 educational assistance described in subsection (b) shall
13 not—

14 “(1) be charged against any entitlement to edu-
15 cational assistance of the individual concerned; or

16 “(2) be counted against the aggregate period
17 for which section 3695 of this title limits the receipt
18 of educational assistance by such individual.

19 “(b) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED.—Sub-
20 ject to subsection (c), the payment of educational assist-

1 ance described in this paragraph is the payment of such
2 assistance to an individual for pursuit of a course of edu-
3 cation at an educational institution under chapters 30, 32,
4 33, or 35 of this title, or chapters 1606 or 1607 of title
5 10, if the Secretary determines that the individual—

6 “(1) was forced to discontinue the pursuit of
7 such course as a result of—

8 “(A) the permanent closure of the edu-
9 cational institution; or

10 “(B) the disapproval of such course under
11 this chapter by reason of—

12 “(i) a provision of law enacted after
13 the date on which the individual enrolls at
14 such institution affecting the approval or
15 disapproval of courses under this chapter;
16 or

17 “(ii) after the date on which the indi-
18 vidual enrolls at such institution, the Sec-
19 retary prescribing or modifying regulations
20 or policies of the Department affecting
21 such approval or disapproval; and

22 “(2) did not receive credit, or lost training time,
23 toward completion of the program of education being
24 so pursued.

1 “(c) PERIOD NOT CHARGED.—The period for which,
2 by reason of this subsection, educational assistance is not
3 charged against entitlement or counted toward the appli-
4 cable aggregate period under section 3695 of this title
5 shall not exceed the aggregate of—

6 “(1) the portion of the period of enrollment in
7 the course from which the individual failed to receive
8 credit or with respect to which the individual lost
9 training time, as determined under subsection
10 (b)(2), and

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

13 “(d) CONTINUING PURSUIT OF DISAPPROVED
14 COURSES.—(1) The Secretary may treat a course of edu-
15 cation that is disapproved under this chapter as being ap-
16 proved under this chapter with respect to an individual
17 described in paragraph (2) if the Secretary determines,
18 on a case-by-case basis, that—

19 “(A) such disapproval is the result of an action
20 described in clause (i) or (ii) of subsection (b)(1)(B);
21 and

22 “(B) continuing pursuing such course is in the
23 best interest of the individual.

24 “(2) An individual described in this paragraph is an
25 individual who is pursuing a course of education at an

1 educational institution under chapters 30, 32, 33, or 35
2 of this title, or chapters 1606 or 1607 of title 10, as of
3 the date on which the course is disapproved under this
4 chapter.”.

5 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
6 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
7 by inserting after the item relating to section 3698
8 the following new item:

“3699. Effects of closure or disapproval of educational institution.”.

9 (b) MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND.—

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

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

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

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

20 (D) in the matter preceding subparagraph
21 (A), as redesignated, in the first sentence, by
22 striking “Payment of” and inserting “(1) Ex-
23 cept as provided in paragraph (2), payment of”;
24 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 educational institu-
9 tions are temporarily closed under an established
10 policy based on an Executive order of the President
11 or due to an emergency situation, except that the
12 total number of weeks for which allowances may
13 continue to be so payable in any 12-month period
14 may not exceed four 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 closure of an educational institution, or following the
19 disapproval of a course of study described in section
20 3699(b)(1)(B) of this title, except that payment of
21 such a stipend may only be continued until the ear-
22 lier of—

23 “(i) the date of the end of the term, quar-
24 ter, or semester during which the closure or dis-
25 approval occurred; and

1 “(ii) the date that is 120 days after the
2 date of the closure or disapproval.”.

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

