

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2274
OFFERED BY MR. BILIRAKIS OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL REPORTS ON POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL**
2 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SURVIVORS' AND**
3 **DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter
7 33 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
8 adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“§ 3325. Reporting requirement**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For each academic year—

11 “(1) the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
12 the Congress a report on the operation of the pro-
13 gram provided for in this chapter; and

14 “(2) the Secretary shall submit to the Congress
15 a report on the operation of the program provided
16 for in this chapter and the program provided for
17 under chapter 35 of this title.

1 “(b) CONTENTS OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RE-
2 PORTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall include in each
3 report submitted under this section—

4 “(1) information indicating—

5 “(A) the extent to which the benefit levels
6 provided under this chapter are adequate to
7 achieve the purposes of inducing individuals to
8 enter and remain in the Armed Forces and of
9 providing an adequate level of financial assist-
10 ance to help meet the cost of pursuing a pro-
11 gram of education;

12 “(B) whether it is necessary for the pur-
13 poses of maintaining adequate levels of well-
14 qualified active-duty personnel in the Armed
15 Forces to continue to offer the opportunity for
16 educational assistance under this chapter to in-
17 dividuals who have not yet entered active-duty
18 service; and

19 “(C) describing the efforts under section
20 3323(b) of this title to inform members of the
21 Armed Forces of the active duty service require-
22 ments for entitlement to educational assistance
23 benefits under this chapter and the results from
24 such efforts; and

1 “(2) such recommendations for administrative
2 and legislative changes regarding the provision of
3 educational assistance to members of the Armed
4 Forces and veterans, and their dependents, as the
5 Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

6 “(c) CONTENTS OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-
7 FAIRS REPORTS.—The Secretary shall include in each re-
8 port submitted under this section—

9 “(1) information concerning the level of utiliza-
10 tion of educational assistance and of expenditures
11 under this chapter and under chapter 35 of this
12 title;

13 “(2) the number of credit hours, certificates,
14 degrees, and other qualifications earned by bene-
15 ficiaries under this chapter and under chapter 35 of
16 this title during the academic year covered by the re-
17 port; and

18 “(3) such recommendations for administrative
19 and legislative changes regarding the provision of
20 educational assistance to members of the Armed
21 Forces and veterans, and their dependents, as the
22 Secretary considers appropriate.

23 “(d) TERMINATION.—No report shall be required
24 under this section after January 1, 2021.”.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
2 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
3 by inserting after the item relating to section 3324
4 the following new item:

“3325. Reporting requirement.”.

5 (3) DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF FIRST RE-
6 PORT.—The first reports required under section
7 3325 of title 38, United States Code, as added by
8 paragraph (1), shall be submitted by not later than
9 November 1, 2012, and shall cover the 2011-2012
10 academic year.

11 (b) REPEAL OF REPORT ON ALL VOLUNTEER-FORCE
12 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 30 of such title is
14 amended by striking section 3036.

15 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
16 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
17 by striking the item relating to section 3036.

