

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Education As-

5 sistance Adjustment Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL INCREASE IN STIPEND FOR BOOKS, SUP-**
2 **PLIES, 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 “\$1,500”;

10 (2) in subsection (e)(2)(B)(i), by striking
11 “\$1,000” and inserting “\$1,500”;

12 (3) in subsection (g)(3), by striking “\$83” both
13 places it appears and inserting “\$128”; and

14 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(m) ANNUAL INCREASE IN STIPEND FOR BOOKS,
17 SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL
18 COSTS.—With respect to fiscal year 2026 and each subse-
19 quent fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide a percentage
20 increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) in the amounts
21 payable under subsections (c)(1)(B)(iv)(I), (e)(2)(B)(i),
22 (g)(3)(A)(iii), and (g)(3)(B)(ii), equal to the percentage
23 by which—

24 “(1) the Consumer Price Index for all urban
25 consumers (U.S. city average) for the 12-month pe-
26 riod ending on the June 30 preceding the beginning

1 of the fiscal year for which the increase is made, ex-
2 ceeds
3 “(2) the Consumer Price Index for the 12-
4 month period preceding the 12-month period de-
5 scribed in paragraph (1).”.