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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEVIN of California introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Guard and Reserve
3 GI Bill Parity Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITION OF OTHER DUTY STATUSES TO QUALIFY**
5 **FOR POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**
6 **PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **QUALIFYING DUTY.**—Section 3311(b) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by striking “(including” each place it ap-
10 pears and inserting “(including other qualifying duty
11 and”;

12 (2) by striking “(excluding” each place it ap-
13 pears and inserting “(including other qualifying duty
14 but excluding”;

15 (3) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “or other
16 qualifying duty” after “active duty”.

17 (b) **OTHER QUALIFYING DUTY DEFINED.**—Section
18 3301 of such title is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
20 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

21 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
22 lowing new paragraph (3):

23 “(3) The term ‘other qualifying duty’ means
24 the following:

25 “(A) Duty under section 502 of title 32.

1 “(B) Duty for which a member is eligible
2 to receive pay under section 204, 206, or 372
3 of title 37.”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall take effect on August 1, 2022, and shall
6 apply with respect to—

7 (1) academic years beginning on or after Au-
8 gust 1, 2022; and

9 (2) service performed before, on, or after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 3. SIMPLIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR**
12 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS POST-9/**
13 **11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3301 of
15 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 “(1) The term ‘active duty’ has the meanings
18 as follows (subject to the limitations specified in sec-
19 tions 3002(6) and 3311(b)):

20 “(A) Active duty as described in section
21 101(21)(A) of this title.

22 “(B) Active duty for training as described
23 in section 101(22)(A), (C), and (E) of this title.

24 “(C) Active duty as defined in section
25 101(12) of title 32.

1 “(D) Full-time National Guard duty as de-
2 fined in section 101(19) of title 32.”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on August 1, 2022, and
5 shall apply with respect to—

6 (1) academic years beginning on or after Au-
7 gust 1, 2022; and

8 (2) service performed before, on, or after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act.