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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CISCORANI 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,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Access for
5 Online Veteran Students Act”.

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SEC. 2. MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND UNDER THE POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PURSUE SUMMER PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION SOLELY THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING.

(a) In general.—Section 3313(c)(1)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “and (iii)” and inserting “, (iii), and (iv)”;

(2) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v); and

(3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following new clause (iv):

“(iv) In the case of an individual pursuing, solely through distance learning, a program of education that is shorter than 12 weeks during the summer, for each month the individual pursues the program of education, a monthly housing stipend equal to the product of—

“(I) the national average of the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in pay grade E–5, multiplied by
“(II) the lesser of—

“(aa) 1.0 and

“(bb) the number of course hours borne by the individual in pursuit of the program of education, divided by the minimum number of course hours required for full-time pursuit of the program of education, rounded to the nearest multiple of 10.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to a program of education beginning on or after August 1, 2024.