

# THE HARRY W. COLMERY VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT

## *Expands access to education benefits by:*

- Allowing Reservists receiving medical treatment as a result of their service to count this time towards accruing education benefits.
- Extending the Yellow Ribbon Enhancement Program to Frye Scholarship recipients in order to cover tuition and fees not covered by the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- Transferring benefits to an additional dependent if the designated dependent dies before being able to use them.
- Makes veterans pursuing education through area career and technical schools and postsecondary vocational institutions to use their education benefits to pay for it.



## *Breaks down barriers to education benefits by:*

- Allowing veterans to use their education benefits at any point in the future.
- Making certain Reservists eligible for active duty education benefits.
- Restoring benefits to student veterans who received credits or training from certain educational institutions that close.
- Reinstating the Reserve Educational Assistance Program for Reservists.
- Prorating licensing or certification benefits, rather than charging veterans for a full month's worth of benefits.

## *Strengthens Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits by:*

- Extending full education benefits to recipients of the Purple Heart.
- Incentivizing student veterans to study science, technology, engineering or math by allowing them additional benefits if their field of study requires additional credits.
- Prorating housing benefits for Reservists who mobilize while attending school, rather than losing a full month of benefits.
- Increasing funding for state agencies that provide oversight over the quality of an education colleges and universities provide to veterans.
- Providing more on-campus educational and vocational counseling services to veterans.