

Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard (EAANG) Resolution

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TITLE: GI Bill Fairness Act of 2015

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Time spent receiving medical care would qualify as active-duty time for Post-9/11 GI Bill education assistance for Guardsmen and Reservist.

PROPOSAL TYPE: New Submission

SUBMITTER: SFC Jeffrey James Frisby

BUSINESS CASE: Members of the Reserve Component earn eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill by serving on active duty and the amount and level of eligibility of the education benefit is directly related to the amount of time served in an active status. Even if the Reservist is in a title 10 status while receiving medical care for a service connected injury, that time is not calculated the same to help increase their eligibility. S. 602 has been introduced by SEN John Boozman (AR) and SEN Ron Wyden (OR) and HR 1141 has been introduced by REP Mark Takano (CA) that would make time served receiving medical care by a National Guardsmen or Reserve service member count toward the benefit eligibility of the education assistance.

RECOMMENDATION: The Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard (EAANG) urges Congress to support and co-sign their respective piece of legislation, S. 602 or HR 1141, in order to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.