

Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 The “Forever GI Bill®”

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Overview

The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act was signed into law on August 16, 2017. Several changes have been incorporated into our existing GI Bill flyers, below is a summary of recent changes and changes yet to occur.

Effective 1 August 2020:

♦ Payment Tiers

- 40% payment tier is eliminated
- 90 days to 6 months of service eligible for 50% payment tier
- 6 months to 18 months of service eligible for 60% payment tier

Effective 1 August 2022:

♦ Yellow Ribbon

- SMs on active duty are eligible for Yellow Ribbon

Other Changes:

- ♦ VA High Technology Pilot Program
 - Opportunity to enroll in High Tech programs
 - VA determines eligible skills and training based on employer input
 - Can use Chapters 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 1606, or 1607
- ♦ VA will use automated and electronic processing as much as possible
- ♦ Work Study program continued
- ♦ Schools must report whether they allow priority enrollment for Veterans
- ♦ VA will provide information to schools about all GI Bill programs a Veteran or service member is entitled to (students may opt out)
- ♦ School Certifying Officials must be trained by VA
- ♦ VA will provide counseling on selected campuses
- ♦ Various agencies must provide GI Bill use data reports to Congress
- ♦ Increase in payments to State Approving Agencies

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