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

Overview

- The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, also known as the "Forever GI Bill," was signed into law on August 16, 2017. Several changes have already been incorporated into our existing GI Bill flyers, below is a summary of the changes that are 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. Service members 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. Student 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.

For More Information:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (866-276-4338)
- Visit the VA Web Site: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- Visit us On-Line: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact State Education Office: www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state

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