

1 “(b) Except as provided in subsections (d) through
2 (f), each educational assistance program established under
3 subsection (a) shall provide for payment by the Secretary
4 concerned, through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to
5 each person entitled to educational assistance under this
6 chapter who is pursuing a program of education of an edu-
7 cational assistance allowance at the following monthly
8 rates:

9 “(1) For such a program of education pursued
10 on a full-time basis, at the monthly rate equal to the
11 applicable percentage (as defined in paragraph (3))
12 of the rate that applies for the month under section
13 3015(a)(1) of title 38.

14 “(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), for such
15 a program of education pursued on a less than a
16 full-time basis, at an appropriately reduced rate, as
17 determined under regulations which the Secretaries
18 concerned shall prescribe.

19 “(B) No payment may be made to a person for
20 less than half-time pursuit of such a program of
21 education if tuition assistance is otherwise available
22 to the person for such pursuit from the military de-
23 partment concerned.

1 inserting “a cumulative period of 24 months during any
2 5-year period”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b) of
4 section 3012 of such title is amended in paragraph (1)
5 by striking “during such two years” and inserting “at any
6 time during such 5-year period”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall apply on or after October 1, 2005.

