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In the House of Representatives, January 22, 1973

1 The G.I. Bill of Rights was passed after the conclusion of
2 World War II and one of its purposes was to give the veteran
3 sufficient economic resources to obtain an education. In its
4 original form, this act paid all tuition and fees plus a monthly
5 cash allotment; however, in its present form, the G.I. Bill of
6 Rights pays only a monthly cash allotment. The amount of the
7 allotment depends on the number of dependents the veteran has. A
8 single veteran receives two hundred and twenty dollars per
9 month, a married veteran with no children receives two hundred
10 sixty-one dollars per month and a married veteran with one child
11 receives two hundred ninety-eight dollars per month with
12 eighteen dollars per month more for each additional dependent.

13 The rapidly increasing cost of receiving a college education
14 or advanced technical training is putting a heavy financial
15 strain on the veteran student. In addition to meeting his
16 educational expenses, he must also pay such day-to-day living
17 expenses such as rent, food, transportation and medical care.

1 The problem of meeting these necessary costs is becoming
2 increasingly difficult for all veterans and a virtual
3 impossibility for others; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
5 appoint a committee of twelve members composed of four members
6 each from the Appropriations, Education and Military Affairs
7 Committees to conduct a thorough investigation of the
8 feasibility of enacting legislation to provide financial
9 assistance to all Pennsylvania veterans who are presently
10 receiving educational benefits under the G.I. Bill of Rights;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the committee study a program to codify all
13 veteran legislation; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the committee study the educational needs of
15 Vietnam veterans; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the committee review the status of veteran
17 preference regarding civil service examinations and their
18 enforcement; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the committee complete the findings of the
20 Veterans Task Force created in 1972 under House Resolution 95;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the committee make a serious study of
23 Commonwealth administrative procedures concerning veteran
24 governmental activities; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the committee study the reasons for the high
26 unemployment rate among Vietnam veterans; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the committee study the means available to
28 increase the enrollment of Vietnam veterans in educational
29 facilities within the Commonwealth; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take

1 testimony, and make its investigation at such places as it deems
2 necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under
3 the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to
4 appear before it and to answer questions touching matters
5 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce
6 such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems
7 necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and
8 shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the
9 courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who wilfully neglects or
10 refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any books,
11 papers, records or documents, shall be subject to the penalties
12 provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such case. Each
13 member of the committee shall have power to administer oaths and
14 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That within thirty calendar days after the
17 committee has made its report, the chairman of the committee
18 shall cause a record of all expenses incurred by the committee,
19 or the members thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth
20 expense, to be filed with the Speaker of the House and the
21 Speaker shall cause the same to be entered in the journal
22 thereof. No expenses incurred by the committee or any member
23 thereof shall be reimbursed by the Chief Clerk unless such
24 expense shall first have been included as an expense item in the
25 record heretofore required; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the
27 General Assembly as soon as possible.