

Public Law (PL) 113-146

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Veterans Access, Choice & Accountability Act of 2014-Section 702 defines “covered individuals” as:

- A Veteran who lives in the state where he or she is attending school (regardless of his/her legal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a qualifying period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone using transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill® benefits who lives in the state where he or she is attending school (regardless of his/her legal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor’s discharge from a qualifying period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state where he or she is attending school (regardless of his/her legal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the Service member’s death in the line of duty, following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

Students who meet these requirements will retain covered individual status as long as they are using Post 9/11 GI Bill® or Montgomery GI Bill®-Chapter 30 benefits and remain continuously enrolled. Continuity of enrollment is not broken by regularly scheduled breaks between terms. Students do not have to enroll in summer terms to remain eligible.

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Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care & Benefits Improvement Act of 2016, Section 417, expanded “covered individual” to include dependents using transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits while the transferor is on active duty. This Act also removed the requirement for students using the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to enroll within three years of the service member’s death, and the deceased service member is no longer required to have served a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.