

Position: The Reserve Organization of America urges Congress to support **H.R.4244/S.2076**, the *Servicemember Enrollment and Readmission for Valuable Education Act*.

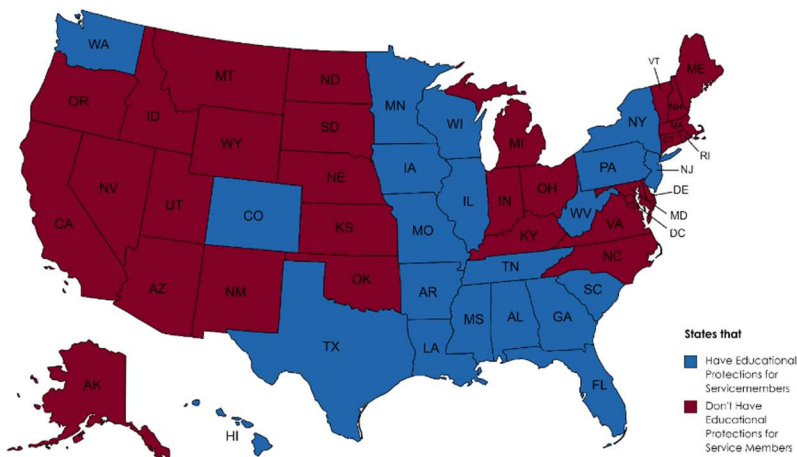
Background: Under current law ([Title 20 U.S.C § 1091c](#)), Reserve and National Guard service members of the armed forces attending an institution of higher education **are not** eligible for certain educational protections if they **are not** on active duty for **more than 30 consecutive days**.

Specifically, prompt readmission under [34 CFR 668.18\(a\)\(2\)](#).

This means that if a reserve component member of the armed forces is called to serve in domestic, short-term active duty orders for 30 days or less, the member must disenroll from their educational institution. The member must also reapply through the standard readmission process, prohibiting eligibility for the benefits of automatic readmission, including:

- Tuition at the same price as the semester they were forced to disenroll;
- Maintaining their same program and degree program at the time of disenrollment; and
- Preserving the same academic program at the beginning of the next semester.

H.R. 4244/S.2076, the *Servicemember Enrollment and Readmission for Valuable Education Act*, amends Title 20 U.S.C. 1091c(a) to allow all reserve component service members called on active duty for any amount of time to obtain the same benefits as those serving more than 30 days.



[21 states](#) (pictured left) have closed this **lamentable loophole** to date. While ROA applauds those states for their initiative, ROA believes this must be solved federally.

By providing for parity across **all** states, and by providing prompt readmission for **all** Reserve and National Guard service members, the **SERVE Act** meets the unique educational needs of citizen-warriors and ensures **all** days spent in uniform are treated equally legally.

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