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on Congressional passage of the REMOTE Act

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Washington, DC – Late on December 15, 2021, following passage in the House of Representatives, the Senate hotlined passage of The REMOTE Act, a vital piece of legislation extending necessary flexibility for student veterans forced to adjust how they take classes due to the COVID pandemic. The legislation notably ensures the continuation of housing allowance for student veterans even when their classes move online due to COVID, extending the protections first established in the Student Veteran Coronavirus Response Act of 2020.

“This legislation will directly impact the lives of more than 55,000 student veterans, and we thank the Members of Congress and their dedicated staff for sending this crucial bill to the President's desk,” said Will Hubbard, Vice President for Veterans & Military Policy at Veterans Education Success. “Despite the hurdles, this bipartisan solution represents a significant achievement for student veterans and their allies. While we were disappointed to see political jockeying forcing the bill’s late passage, we are also very grateful to Committee staff for the hours of work it took to get it done.”

With so much uncertainty within higher education around the modality of taking classes, this bill ensures student veterans will continue to receive their full housing stipend whether their classes are moved online or not, which ensures they have flexibility to pursue their educational goals unhindered.

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