

U.S. Rep. Van Orden: House passes Derrick Van Orden's Protect Military Dependents Act

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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, the House of Representatives passed the Protect Military Dependents Act, which was [introduced](#) by Rep. Derrick Van Orden (WI-03) in March, within the VET-TEC Authorization Act.

“The Protect Military Dependents Act is the right thing to do for our military families,” said Van Orden. “I’m proud to have championed this effort to ensure that spouses and children are able to take full advantage of the educational benefits they are afforded without fear of being penalized should a servicemember lose their benefits. I encourage my colleagues in the Senate to support its passage.”

Under current law, both veterans and their dependents are liable for returning their educational assistance, should the servicemember no longer be eligible due to a less than honorable discharge or failure to complete their service obligation. The Protect Military Dependents Act would ensure that their dependents, such as a spouse or child, who utilized those educational programs would not be held liable should the military servicemember lose rights to his or her benefits.