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Expanding Education Opportunities for Veterans

Post 9/11 GI Bill

- Senator Begich heard the concerns of veterans in Alaska about their education benefits, and responded by advocating for and successfully passing reforms to the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Benefits for National Guard and Reserve Members

- Senator Begich successfully passed legislation extending full education benefits to National Guard and Reserve program members who serve periods of active duty.

Simplifying and Enlarging Benefits

- Senator Begich's efforts ensure that veterans today can attend degree programs at public institutions in the U.S. and pay little, if any, out-of-pocket costs for their education; veterans at private institutions will receive benefits on a simpler, more generous formula.
- The Post-9/11 GI bill now also includes a 'book allowance' for service members pursuing an education, and a living allowance for veterans pursuing education through distance learning.

Broader Training and Education Opportunities

- Senator Begich's reforms enable veterans to apply Post-9/11 GI education benefits to vocational programs, on-the-job and apprenticeship training, flight training and other non-college training and education.



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