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Helping Our Professionals Educationally (HOPE) Act of 2001

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (Jun 28, 2001)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

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Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		May 23, 2001
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 23, 2001
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Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		May 23, 2001
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		May 23, 2001
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 23, 2001
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		May 23, 2001
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 11, 2001
Sen. Graham, Bob [D-FL]	D · FL		Jul 16, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 28, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 23, 2001)

Helping Our Professionals Educationally (HOPE) Act of 2001 - Authorizes the Secretary of each military department to permit a member who is entitled to basic educational assistance under the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), has served at least six years, has a critical military skill or is in a military specialty designated as critical, and agrees to serve at least four more years to transfer such assistance to one or more dependents. Allows up to 18 months of entitlement to be transferred. Prohibits a spouse from using such assistance until the transferor has completed six years of service. Prohibits a child from using such assistance until the transferor has completed ten years of service and the child has completed secondary school requirements or is 18 years of age.

Authorizes a VEAP-entitled individual to elect to receive an accelerated lump-sum payment of basic educational assistance, under specified conditions.

Makes Montgomery GI Bill benefits available for training which leads to licensing or certification in technological occupations.

Makes members who continue in the Selected Reserve beyond the ten-year period required for entitlement to educational assistance eligible for such assistance for five years after separation from such service (unless such separation is under other than honorable conditions).

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2001:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **May 23, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5547-5548)
- **May 23, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.