

HR 1328

Veterans Educational Opportunities Enhancement Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits. (Apr 24, 2003)

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Party: Republican • State: NC • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (6 total)

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Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 1, 2003
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Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jun 1, 2004
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 24, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans Educational Opportunities Enhancement Act of 2003 - Amends Federal veterans' benefits provisions to allow the basic pay reduction for entitlement to veterans educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill to be taken over two years (currently one year).

Allows the withdrawal of an election not to receive such assistance during a specified open period for an individual who: (1) first becomes a member or enters into active service on or after the enactment of this Act; (2) continues to serve the period of obligated service without a service break; (3) before completing such period, is discharged or released from duty for a service-connected disability, a preexisting medical condition, a hardship, a physical or mental condition that did not result from the individual's own willful misconduct, or for the convenience of the Government; (4) completes the requirements of a secondary school diploma or equivalency certificate or 12 semester hours toward a standard college degree; and (5) is discharged honorably or placed on one of specified retirement lists. Provides a basic pay reduction for entitlement to such assistance.

Provides an opportunity for certain active-duty military personnel who first became a member of the armed forces before July 1, 1985, to enroll for such assistance during an open period under eligibility requirements very similar to those above, and requires a similar basic pay reduction for such assistance.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force.
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Introduced in House
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