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Veterans' Higher Education Opportunities Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 7, 2003)

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Veterans' Higher Education Opportunities Act of 2003 - Amends Federal veterans' benefits provisions to change the amount of monthly veterans' educational assistance allowance under the Montgomery GI Bill from a fixed amount adjusted for inflation to an amount equal to the average monthly costs of tuition and expenses for commuter students at public institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees (75 percent of such amount for veterans whose initial obligated period of active duty is two years). Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to determine such average monthly costs each year and to publish such amounts in the Federal Register.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 7, 2003: Introduced in Senate
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