

HR 1240

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 29, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1672	Related bill	Jun 21, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2007)

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and carry out a scholarship program of financial assistance for individuals who: (1) are accepted for, or currently enrolled in, a program of study leading to a degree or certificate in visual impairment or orientation and mobility, or both; and (2) enter into an agreement to serve, after program completion, as a full-time Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employee for three years within the first six years after program completion. Sets maximum assistance amounts of \$15,000 per academic year and \$45,000 total. Requires pro rate repayment for failure to satisfy education or service requirements, while allowing the Secretary to waive or suspend such repayment whenever noncompliance is due to circumstances beyond the control of the participant, or when waiver or suspension is in the best interests of the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 29, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 21, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 9, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Feb 28, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.