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Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007

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

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Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 24, 2007
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 22, 2007
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Oct 24, 2007
Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 14, 2007
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2007
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 3, 2007
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Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Dec 4, 2007
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Dec 18, 2007
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jan 22, 2008
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jan 29, 2008
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 25, 2008
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2008
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 28, 2008
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2008
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Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Feb 29, 2008
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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 6, 2008
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Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 17, 2008
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 28, 2008
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		May 12, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 7, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5740	Related bill	Apr 11, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
110 HR 2702	Related bill	Jun 20, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007 - Amends federal veterans' benefits provisions to entitle to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill individuals in certain length-of-service categories who, commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serve on active duty in the Armed Forces.

Establishes the duration of such assistance (in most cases 36 months) and assistance amounts. Requires programs of education pursued with such assistance to be approved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Allows for the pursuit of an approved program of education while on active duty. Allows, under such assistance, for the pursuit of: (1) programs on less than a half-time basis; (2) apprenticeship or other on-job training; (3) correspondence courses; (4) flight training; (5) tutorial assistance; and (6) licensure and certification tests. Makes individuals entitled to assistance under this Act also eligible for supplemental educational assistance for additional active duty service.

Requires the Secretary to carry out a program, to be known as the "Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program," under which colleges and universities may enter into an agreement with the Secretary to cover, for certain individuals, a portion of established charges not otherwise covered and match contributions toward such costs.

Requires educational assistance under this Act to be used within 15 years of the individual's discharge or release from active duty (with exceptions). Allows individuals currently under the Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance program to elect to participate in the post-9/11 educational assistance program with respect to any unused entitlement.

Actions Timeline

- **May 7, 2008:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Feb 28, 2008:** Star Print ordered on the bill.
- **Jul 31, 2007:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S56-57)
- **Jan 4, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S57-61)