HR 228

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.

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)
Chamber: House
Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security
Introduced: Jan 7, 2009
Current Status: Provisions of measure incorporated into H.R. 3949.
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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]
Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 19, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2009)

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

- **Oct 28, 2009:** Provisions of measure incorporated into H.R. 3949.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 9, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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