

S 2206

GI Educational Freedom Act of 2012

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]	R · MA		Mar 20, 2012
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Mar 20, 2012
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 20, 2012
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 20, 2012
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 20, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 16, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 13, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

GI Educational Freedom Act of 2012 - Requires any individual eligible for veterans' educational assistance through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to be provided educational and vocational counseling services before the receipt of such educational assistance, unless the individual specifically declines such counseling. Outlines information to be included in such counseling. Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make such information available to the public.

Repeals the \$6 million fiscal year limit for VA contracting for such counseling services.

Directs the Secretary to establish a system to collect, process, and track complaints submitted by individuals enrolled in VA programs of education to report instances of fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to benefits and services provided by educational institutions. Requires a state approving agency, when considering whether to approve a course of education at an educational institution, to review and take into consideration the complaints processed and tracked by such system. Provides for the confidentiality of such complaints.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 13, 2012:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-567.
- **Mar 20, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 20, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.