

## S 816

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Taxation

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Apr 14, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 30, 2012
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Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 29, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 14, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2151	Identical bill	<b>Jun 13, 2011:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of the Treasury, through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to establish a Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Matching Grant Program (VITA grant program) for the development, expansion, or continuation of volunteer tax preparation programs to assist low-income taxpayers and members of underserved populations.

Establishes the National Center to Promote Quality, Excellence, and Evaluation in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Requires such Center to: (1) promote the adoption of a universally accessible volunteer training platform for the preparation of federal income tax returns, (2) provide technical assistance to tax return preparation program managers, (3) identify and disseminate best practices related to tax site management, (4) support outreach and marketing efforts, and (5) provide evaluation of programs and activities funded under this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

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