

## HR 1796

Troop Talent Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Apr 26, 2013

**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Jun 26, 2013)

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Rep. Bachmann, Michele [R-MN-6]	R · MN		May 8, 2013

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Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		May 8, 2013
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Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		May 8, 2013
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Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jun 3, 2013
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 3, 2013
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen W. [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 3, 2013
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 3, 2013
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Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jun 3, 2013
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jun 3, 2013
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jun 5, 2013
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Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jun 5, 2013

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Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Oct 7, 2013
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Nov 12, 2013
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jan 9, 2014
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jan 31, 2014
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2014
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 6, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2013
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 26, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2942	Related bill	Jun 2, 2014: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
113 S 700	Identical bill	Apr 10, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Troop Talent Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretaries of the military departments, to the maximum extent practicable, to make information on civilian credentialing opportunities available to members of the Armed Forces (members) beginning with, and at every stage of, their training for military occupational specialties, in order to permit such members to: (1) evaluate the extent to which such training correlates with skills and training required for various civilian certifications and licenses, and (2) assess the suitability of such training for obtaining and pursuing such certifications and licenses.

Requires the information made available to: (1) be consistent with the Transition Goals Plans Success program, and (2) include information on the civilian occupational equivalents of military occupational specialties.

Requires such Secretaries to make available to civilian credentialing agencies specified information on the content of military training provided to members.

Allows members or veterans to use educational assistance provided through the Department of Defense (DOD) or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in pursuit of a civilian certification or license only if the successful completion of a curriculum fully qualifies such student to take the appropriate examination and be certified or licensed to meet any other academic conditions required for entry into that occupation or profession.

Requires the military occupational specialties designated for a military skills to civilian credentialing pilot program under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 to include those specialties relating to the military information technology workforce.

Directs the VA Secretary to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee (under current law, terminated on December 31, 2006). Provides additional Committee duties, including the development of: (1) guidance for audits of licensure and certification programs in order to ensure high-quality education to members and veterans, and (2) a plan to improve outreach to members and veterans on the importance of licensing and certification and the availability of educational benefits.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 26, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **May 6, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Apr 26, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.