

## HR 341

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Jan 22, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Jan 22, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/341>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]               | D · IL        |      | Jan 22, 2013 |
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| Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]           | D · MS        |      | Jan 23, 2013 |
| Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]              | D · TX        |      | Feb 4, 2013  |
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| Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]               | D · MN        |      | Feb 4, 2013  |
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| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]                  | D · TN        |      | Feb 12, 2013 |
| Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]             | D · MD        |      | Feb 12, 2013 |
| Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]                    | D · CA        |      | Feb 26, 2013 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC        |      | Feb 28, 2013 |
| Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]          | D · VA        |      | Mar 6, 2013  |
| Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]         | D · IL        |      | May 20, 2013 |
| Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]                  | D · CA        |      | May 20, 2014 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Ways and Means Committee | House   | Referred To | Jan 22, 2013 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action   |
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| 113 S 1368 | Identical bill | <b>Jul 25, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

### Summary (as of Jan 22, 2013)

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act - 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.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 22, 2013:** Introduced in House
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