

## HR 357

GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2014

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**Chamber:** House

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (50 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jan 23, 2013
Rep. Griffin, Tim [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Feb 4, 2013
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 4, 2013
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Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2013
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 6, 2013
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Feb 25, 2013
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2013
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Feb 25, 2013
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Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2013
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2013
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Mar 12, 2013
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Mar 14, 2013
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Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 14, 2013
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Mar 14, 2013
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Mar 19, 2013
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Mar 19, 2013
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2013
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 21, 2013
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Apr 9, 2013
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Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 11, 2013
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Apr 11, 2013
Rep. Runyan, Jon [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Apr 17, 2013

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Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Apr 26, 2013
Rep. Barber, Ron [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		May 7, 2013
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		May 8, 2013
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		May 8, 2013
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		May 8, 2013
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		May 8, 2013
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		May 15, 2013
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		May 23, 2013
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		May 23, 2013

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 25, 2013
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 4, 2014

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2258	Related bill	Sep 26, 2014: Became Public Law No: 113-181.
113 S 257	Identical bill	Jun 12, 2013: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-111.

GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2014 - (Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA), for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and the program providing educational assistance to individuals who commenced service in the Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001, to disapprove courses of education provided by a public institution of higher education (IHE) that charges tuition and fees for veterans living in the state in which the IHE is located at a higher rate than it charges residents of such state, regardless of the veteran's state of residence.

Makes this provision applicable only to: (1) veterans who were discharged or released from at least 90 days of active service less than three years before their date of enrollment in the applicable course, and (2) courses that commence on or after July 1, 2016.

Prohibits the Secretary from disapproving a public IHE's course on the grounds that the IHE conditions such veterans' receipt of in-state tuition rates on their: (1) demonstrating an intent, by means other than physical presence, to establish residency in the state; or (2) satisfying other requirements not related to residency.

(Sec. 5) Makes eligible under VA homeless veterans reintegration program those homeless veterans who are: (1) participating in the VA supported housing program for which rental assistance is provided under the United States Housing Act of 1937, and (2) veterans who are transitioning from being incarcerated.

(Sec. 6) Extends from 12 to 17 years after discharge or release from active-duty service the authorized period for veterans with service-connected disabilities to enroll in certain VA vocational training and rehabilitation programs.

(Sec. 7) Reauthorizes through June 30, 2018 (under current law, the authorization expires as of June 30, 2013) certain qualifying work-study activities for individuals receiving educational assistance through the VA.

(Sec. 8) Sets forth the responsibilities of each Director and Assistant Director of Veterans' Employment and Training (assigned to each state by the Secretary from among personnel within the Veterans' Employment and Training Service), including: (1) monitoring the performance of veterans' training and employment programs, with special emphasis on services to disabled veterans; (2) addressing program performance deficiencies and establishing higher performance goals; and (3) reviewing program funding and assisting with funding requests.

(Sec. 9) Amends provisions concerning the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense (DOD) (employment and job training assistance and related services for members of the Armed Forces being separated from active duty and their spouses) to require such Program to include: (1) information about disability-related employment and education protections, (2) instruction in the use of educational assistance entitlements, (3) appropriate courses, (4) instruction on the financing of post-secondary education, and (5) information on benefits provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) and in other subjects determined by the Secretary concerned.

Requires the VA Secretary to submit to the congressional veterans and defense committees the results of a study to determine the feasibility of providing veterans' benefits instruction at all overseas locations where such instruction is provided through a joint contract with the Secretary of Labor.

(Sec. 10) Requires veterans' disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation that is being increased in compliance with the Veterans' Compensation Cost- of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013 to an amount that is not a whole dollar amount to be rounded to the next lower whole dollar amount.

(Sec. 11) Prohibits the Secretary from paying any performance award to a VA Senior Executive Service employee during FY2014-FY2018.

(Sec. 12) Directs the Secretary to make semiannual reports to Congress that include the cost and certain other details regarding travel by VA employees: (1) outside this country or its territories, commonwealths, possessions, or territorial waters if the federal government is paying for the travel; and (2) to any location inside or outside this country if a person or entity other than the federal government is paying for the travel.

(Sec. 13) Directs the Secretary to report: (1) each case of a notifiable infectious disease or condition that is diagnosed at a VA medical facility to the appropriate state entity and to Congress, and (2) each of those cases that is also classified as a health-care-associated infection sentinel event to the facility's accrediting organization.

Authorizes a state, if the Secretary fails to report such a disease or condition, to a file civil action against the Secretary to recover the penalty the state would require a non-federal medical facility to pay for failing to do so.

Directs the Secretary to suspend a director of a Veterans Integrated Service Network that fails to comply with such reporting requirements.

(Sec. 14) Requires the Secretary to establish procedures to ensure that a visual recording made by the Secretary during the provision of medical care is made only with the full and informed consent of the patient or the patient's representative. Exempts recordings made: (1) pursuant to a determination by a physician or psychologist that such recording is medically necessary or necessary for the patient's safety, (2) pursuant to a court order or warrant, or (3) for general security purposes in a public setting where a person would not have a reasonable expectation to privacy.

(Sec. 15) Amends the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 to extend through May 31, 2014, the veterans retraining assistance program. Directs the Secretary to submit to Congress an interim report on the retraining assistance provided under such program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 4, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1520-1526)
- **Feb 3, 2014:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1527-1528)
- **Feb 3, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 390 - 0 (Roll no. 33). (text: CR H1520-1522)
- **Feb 3, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 390 - 0 (Roll no. 33). (text: CR H1520-1522)
- **Feb 3, 2014:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 3, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 113-94.
- **Jun 3, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 66.
- **May 8, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 8, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 25, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 10, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Jan 23, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 23, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.