

## HR 5589

Veteran Education Empowerment Act

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2014

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Sep 18, 2014)

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Veteran Education Empowerment Act - Directs the Secretary of Education to award four-year grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) to establish, maintain, and improve a veteran student center.

Requires grantees to be IHEs that:

- have a population of at least 15,000 students, of which at least 1% are veterans or members of the Armed Forces;
- are located in a region or community that has a significant veteran population;
- carry out programs or activities that assist veterans in the local community; and
- present a sustainability plan demonstrating that their veteran student center will be maintained and will continue to operate after the grant ends.

Defines a "veteran student center" as a dedicated space on a campus that provides students who are veterans or members of the Armed Forces with: (1) a lounge or meeting space for such students and veterans in the community, and (2) a centralized office for veteran services that is staffed by trained employees and volunteers.

Requires that office to provide such students with assistance in:

- transitioning from the military to student life,
- transitioning from the military to the civilian workforce,
- networking with other students,
- understanding and obtaining the federal and state benefits for which they may be eligible, and
- understanding how to succeed in the IHE.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 17, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Introduced in House
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