

## HR 1399

Veteran Education Empowerment Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Oct 23, 2015

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Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Nov 5, 2015
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Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Nov 16, 2015
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Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Nov 16, 2015
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Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Nov 16, 2015
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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. MacArthur, Thomas [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Dec 18, 2015
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Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Feb 26, 2016
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Mar 23, 2016
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2016
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2016
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Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		May 13, 2016
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		May 13, 2016
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 13, 2016
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 26, 2016

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Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		May 26, 2016
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Sep 28, 2016
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Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Dec 8, 2016
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Dec 8, 2016
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Dec 8, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 604	Related bill	<b>Feb 26, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## Veteran Education Empowerment Act

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to award up to 30 four-year grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) or consortia of IHEs to establish, maintain, and improve Veteran Student Centers.

Permits a grantee to use a portion of the grant to provide veteran students with supportive instruction services.

Requires a grantee to be an IHE or consortium that: (1) enrolls in undergraduate or graduate courses a significant number or percentage of veterans or members of the Armed Forces, and (2) presents a sustainability plan demonstrating that its 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 themselves, their spouses or partners, and veterans in the community; (2) a centralized office for veteran services that is staffed by trained employees and volunteers and serves as a single point of contact to coordinate veterans support services; and (3) comprehensive academic and tutoring services to veterans.

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 veteran students and veterans in the community,
- understanding and obtaining benefits provided by the IHE and federal and state government for which they may be eligible,
- understanding how to succeed in the IHE, and
- understanding their disability-related rights and protections under specified federal laws.

Requires the Secretary to develop and implement a website for veteran student services at IHEs, which details best practices for serving veteran students at IHEs.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.