

## S 2253

### Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Education Relief and Restoration Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Nov 5, 2015

**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-252.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-252. (Nov 18, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2253>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 5, 2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 8, 2016
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 8, 2016
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 15, 2016
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Sep 19, 2016
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 19, 2016
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 22, 2016
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Sep 28, 2016
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 28, 2016
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Nov 15, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Nov 18, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

---

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 425	Related bill	Dec 7, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 716.
114 HR 6062	Related bill	Oct 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 S 2921	Related bill	May 16, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 467.
114 HR 3991	Related bill	Dec 3, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

### Summary (as of Nov 5, 2015)

---

#### Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Education Relief and Restoration Act of 2015

This bill declares that, if a veteran is forced to discontinue a course as a result of an educational institution's permanent closure and did not receive credit or lost training time toward completion of the education program, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational assistance payments shall not, for a specified period of time, be:

- charged against the individual's entitlement to educational assistance, or
- counted against the aggregate period for which such assistance may be provided.

The bill applies to school closures beginning with FY2015.

The VA may continue to pay educational assistance and subsistence allowances to eligible veterans and eligible persons enrolled in specified courses for up to 4 weeks in any 12-month period when schools are temporarily closed under an established policy based on an executive order of the President or due to an emergency situation.

The VA may also continue to pay a monthly housing stipend following a permanent school closure, but only until the earlier of: (1) the date of the end of the term, quarter, or semester during which the school closure occurred; and (2) the date that is four months after the school closure.

### Actions Timeline

---

- Nov 18, 2015: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-252.
- Nov 5, 2015: Introduced in Senate
- Nov 5, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.