

## HR 2855

Veterans Education Flexibility Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jun 23, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Aug 13, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]

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

### Cosponsors (14 total)

| Cosponsor                                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]                 | D · CA        |      | Jun 23, 2015 |
| Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]              | D · ME        |      | Jul 29, 2015 |
| Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]           | D · CA        |      | Sep 8, 2015  |
| Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]               | D · CA        |      | Sep 16, 2015 |
| Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]            | D · CA        |      | Sep 16, 2015 |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]                  | D · TN        |      | Sep 18, 2015 |
| Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large] | D · GU        |      | Sep 29, 2015 |
| Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]                 | D · WA        |      | Sep 30, 2015 |
| Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]       | D · NJ        |      | Oct 6, 2015  |
| Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]                    | D · CA        |      | Oct 8, 2015  |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]            | D · MA        |      | Oct 8, 2015  |
| Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]               | D · CA        |      | Oct 9, 2015  |
| Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]               | D · MN        |      | Oct 20, 2015 |
| Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]                   | D · NY        |      | Nov 5, 2015  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Armed Services Committee    | House   | Referred to | Aug 13, 2015 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Referred to | Jul 2, 2015  |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jun 23, 2015)

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### Veterans Education Flexibility Act

Declares that, if an individual eligible for educational assistance under the all-volunteer force educational assistance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs is enrolled in an educational institution and the period of entitlement (ten years after discharge or release from active duty) would expire during a quarter or semester of enrollment, that period shall be extended to the end of that quarter or semester. Allows such an extension until the earlier of the end of the course or 12 weeks, in the case of an educational institution not regularly operated on a quarter or semester basis.

Repeals the delimiting period for the use of assistance under the post-Vietnam era veterans' educational assistance program (generally 10 years after the veteran's last discharge or release from active duty).

Applies the assistance extension provided under the all-volunteer force educational assistance program to the post-9/11 veterans' educational assistance program.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5185)
- **Jul 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Jun 23, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 23, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.