

HR 4835

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 30, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4128	Related bill	Nov 30, 2015: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Financial 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.
114 S 2333	Related bill	Nov 30, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 S 996	Related bill	Apr 16, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2297)

Summary (as of Mar 22, 2016)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act

This bill directs the Internal Revenue Service to establish a Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Matching Grant Program (VITA grant program) for the development, expansion, or continuation of volunteer tax preparation programs to assist low-income taxpayers and members of underserved populations.

The bill establishes the National Center to Promote Quality, Excellence, and Evaluation in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. The Center shall: (1) promote the adoption of a universally accessible volunteer training platform for the preparation of federal income tax returns, (2) provide technical assistance to tax return preparation program managers, (3) identify and disseminate best practices related to tax site management, (4) support outreach and marketing efforts, and (5) provide evaluation of programs and activities funded under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 30, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 22, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 22, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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