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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 16, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 27, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 2, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 14, 2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 18, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 16, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4835	Related bill	Mar 30, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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.

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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.

Establishes the National Center to Promote Quality, Excellence, and Evaluation in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Requires such Center to: (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

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