

S 1489

Veterans Education Relief and Reinstatement Act of 2017

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 29, 2017
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Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 10, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 10, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 29, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3372	Related bill	Jul 24, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
115 HR 2698	Related bill	May 25, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
115 HR 2068	Related bill	Apr 6, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

Summary (as of Jun 29, 2017)

Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Education Relief and Reinstatement Act of 2017

This bill declares that, if a veteran is forced to discontinue a course as a result of a a permanent school closure and did not receive credit, could not transfer 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 courses and programs of education discontinued in FY2015 or a following fiscal year.

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

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