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Veterans Education Experience Improvement Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 13, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3218	Related bill	Aug 16, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-48.
115 S 1598	Related bill	Aug 2, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 200.
115 HR 3205	Related bill	Jul 12, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
115 HR 2549	Related bill	May 19, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
115 HR 1391	Related bill	Mar 27, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
115 HR 1331	Related bill	Mar 9, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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This bill revises the administration of certain veterans educational benefits.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) shall establish training requirements for school certifying officials (SCOs) employed by educational institutions offering approved veterans education courses. An institution shall employ one SCO for every 500 unduplicated veteran's enrollment certifications made during a fiscal year. The VA may disapprove any course of education offered by an institution that does not meet such requirements.

The bill increases: (1) the VA reporting fee paid to an institution for each individual using veterans educational benefits at such institution, and (2) resources available to SCOs and state approving agencies.

The VA shall provide: (1) veterans with on-campus educational and vocational counseling services, and (2) institutions with educational assistance information regarding enrolled veterans.

A course that begins within seven days of the beginning of an academic term shall be treated as beginning on such date for purposes of certifying a veteran's eligibility for educational benefits.

The Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education is extended to December 31, 2022.

Actions Timeline

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