

HR 2068

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

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Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 12, 2017
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 6, 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 S 1489	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 2698	Related bill	May 25, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
115 HR 1216	Related bill	Mar 6, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

Summary (as of Apr 6, 2017)

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

This bill declares that, if a veteran is forced to discontinue a course as a result of a permanent school closure and did not receive 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 beginning with FY2015.

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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