

## HR 3372

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the restoration of entitlement to educational assistance and other relief for veterans affected by school closure or disapproval, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### 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 S 1489	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 2068	Related bill	Apr 6, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
115 HR 1216	Related bill	Mar 6, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

This bill provides that if a veteran or reservist is forced to discontinue a certain course or program as a result of a school closure or disapproval of a necessary course 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, 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, with an exception, applies to education courses and programs discontinued after January 1, 2015.

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 a presidential executive order or due to an emergency.

The VA shall, within five business days after receiving notice of a closure or intended closure, notify each affected individual of such closure and its effect on the individual's entitlement to educational assistance.

The VA may also continue to pay a monthly housing stipend following a permanent school closure or disapproval of a course of study, but only until the earlier of: (1) the end of the term, quarter, or semester during which the school closure or disapproval occurred; and (2) 120 days after the closure or disapproval.

## **Actions Timeline**

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