

## HR 3940

Veterans Education Disaster Assistance Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Handel, Karen C. [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Nov 7, 2017
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2017
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Apr 16, 2018
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Apr 16, 2018
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		May 10, 2018
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jul 16, 2018
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Nov 28, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 11, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Oct 4, 2017)

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### Veterans Education Disaster Assistance Act

This bill increases Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-9/11 educational assistance for veterans pursuing a course of education at an institute of higher education that is closed for at least four weeks because of natural disasters and who pursue such course, or an alternative course, solely by distance learning.

The duration of monthly stipends is extended from four months to the shorter of four months or the period necessary to complete the quarter, semester, term, or academic period during the institute's closure. Such stipend is increased from 50% to the full amount that a veteran would be entitled to if pursuing such course of at an institution of higher education.

An additional lump sum is made available for books and other educational costs made necessary by such distance learning.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 11, 2018:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 20, 2018:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.