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Yellow Ribbon Improvement Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 30, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 30, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 23, 2017
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 6, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2103	Related bill	Apr 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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This bill revises the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program (public-private contributions for educational assistance in addition to post-9/11 educational assistance) to make such program available to: (1) the spouse or child of a service member who, on or after after September 11, 2001, dies in the line of duty while serving on active duty (Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship recipients); and (2) a service member or veteran who serves at least 36 months on active duty beginning on or after such date.

The bill provides educational assistance to individuals pursuing a degree while on active duty on more than, or less than, a half-time basis.

The program permits colleges and universities to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to cover a portion of certain higher education expenses, which shall be matched by the VA.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 15, 2017:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-215.
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.