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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 |
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| 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 |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Hearings By (full committee) | Jun 15, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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.