

HR 95

Veterans' Access to Child Care Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jul 31, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Jan 3, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Apr 17, 2017
Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 28, 2017
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jul 3, 2017
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 11, 2017
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 24, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 6, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 31, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 28, 2017)

Veterans' Access to Child Care Act

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide child care assistance to an eligible veteran for any period that the veteran: (1) receives covered health care services at a VA facility, and (2) is required to travel to and return from such facility for the receipt of such services.

The bill defines: (1) "covered health care services" to mean regular mental health care services, intensive mental health care services, or such other intensive health care services to which the VA determines that provision of child care assistance would improve the veteran's access; and (2) "eligible veteran" as a veteran who is the primary caretaker of a child and who is receiving covered health care services from the VA or who is in need of, and who would receive, such services from the VA but for lack of child care.

Included among child care assistance to be provided under this bill are:

- a stipend for the payment of the full cost of child care offered by a licensed child care center, which shall be modeled after the VA's Child Care Subsidy Program;
- direct provision of child care at an on-site VA facility;
- a payment made directly to a private child care agency; and
- collaboration with a facility or program of another federal department or agency.

(Sec. 3) The bill extends through September 30, 2026, the \$90 monthly limit on a VA pension paid to veterans residing in nursing homes when their nursing costs are paid through title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act.

(Sec. 4) The bill extends through December 31, 2024, VA authority to collect funding fees for certain VA, VA-guaranteed, or VA-insured housing loans.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-266.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 191.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Mr. Roe (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6538-6539)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 95.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6538)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6538)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 19, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.