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Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 16, 2019
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 31, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		May 1, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 13, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jul 10, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 10, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 24, 2019
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 17, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 5, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 19, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 425	Identical bill	Feb 26, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2020)

Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act

This bill addresses the participation of veterans in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields, including by making veterans eligible for certain National Science Foundation (NSF) programs.

(Sec. 3) The bill directs the NSF to (1) encourage veterans to study and pursue careers in STEM and computer science in coordination with other federal agencies that serve veterans, and (2) submit a plan to Congress for enhancing veterans outreach.

The National Science Board shall provide in its annual report on the state of science and engineering in the United States relevant data on veterans in science and engineering careers or education programs.

The bill provides for veterans' participation in (1) the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program to recruit and train mathematics and science teachers, (2) NSF fellowships and masters fellowships for mathematics and science teachers, (3) computer and network security capacity building grants, and (4) traineeship grants leading to a doctorate degree in computer and network security research.

The Office of Science and Technology Policy shall establish an interagency working group to improve veteran and military spouse equity and representation in STEM fields.

(Sec. 4) The Government Accountability Office must study (1) the academic success rates of student veterans pursuing an undergraduate degree in STEM, computer science, medicine, or other fields identified as meeting national needs; and (2) the barriers faced by such students in pursuing such degrees.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 11, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-115.
- **Feb 3, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 27, 2020:** Mr. McAdams moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 27, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H550-554)
- **Jan 27, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 153.
- **Jan 27, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H550-551)
- **Jan 27, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H550-551)
- **Jan 27, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 14, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Dec 18, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7164-7165)
- **Dec 18, 2019:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7164-7165)
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-164.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 314.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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