

HR 5278

GI Bill Planning Act of 2019

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. (Dec 19, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]

Party: Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Dec 3, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 3, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 19, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7952	Related bill	Oct 6, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 4162	Related bill	Nov 13, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 S 2830	Related bill	Nov 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 S 2136	Related bill	Jul 17, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 3608	Related bill	Jul 2, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill extends or removes specified deadlines for certain Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits.

Specifically, the bill updates the Montgomery GI Bill program by extending the period of time under which an election must be made for entitlement to educational assistance under the program. The bill phases the program out on September 30, 2029.

The bill also removes a deadline that prevents certain veterans from receiving in-state tuition, regardless of their state of residence, using VA education benefits at public institutions of higher education. Currently, a veteran who is discharged or released after at least 90 days of active service must be within three years of their discharge from active duty to receive in-state tuition (regardless of their state of residence).

The VA must post on a public VA website a database explaining any requirements established by a public institution of higher learning for an individual to be charged in-state tuition.

The VA must disapprove a course of education at a public institution of higher education that does not provide the VA with an explanation of the requirements (or a timely update of such requirements) for an individual to be charged in-state tuition.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Dec 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.