

HR 6212

To provide for the continuation of Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance benefits during emergency situations, and for other purposes.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Mar 11, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. (Jul 13, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 11, 2020)

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to continue to provide educational assistance during the 180-day period after the enactment of this bill for programs of education that are offered by distance learning or have been converted to distance learning due to an emergency or health-related situation.

The VA is authorized to continue paying educational assistance and subsistence allowances for up to eight weeks to eligible veterans or persons enrolled in specified programs of education or training during periods when educational institutions are temporarily closed due to an emergency situation or based on an executive order. The bill defines *emergency situation* as a public health crisis, a declared state of emergency, or other situations as determined by the VA.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 13, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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