

HR 840

Veterans' Access to Child Care Act

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Rep. Hill, Katie [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2019
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Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2019
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 8, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HRES 105	Procedurally related	Feb 7, 2019: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Feb 8, 2019)

Veterans' Access to Child Care Act

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide child care assistance to an eligible veteran who is actively participating in treatment by attending appointments 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 *covered health care services* to mean regular mental health care services, intensive mental health care services, health care services related to substance or drug abuse counseling, intensive health care services related to physical therapy for a service-connected disability, emergency mental health care services, or such other intensive health care services that the VA determines would be more accessible to veterans if child care assistance is provided.

The term *eligible veteran* is defined as a veteran who is the primary caretaker of a child and who is (1) receiving covered health care services from the VA, or (2) needs and would receive such services from the VA but for the lack of child care.

The bill provides for various types of child care assistance, as the VA considers appropriate. Such child care shall not be provided by any center or agency that employs a person who has been convicted of a sex crime, a crime involving a child victim, a violent crime, or a drug felony.

The bill requires the VA to inform eligible veterans of the available child care assistance.

The VA must post an easily accessible notice on a VA website describing the child care assistance benefit and eligibility requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 11, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1469-1482)
- **Feb 8, 2019:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sherrill amendment No. 12.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Moore amendment No. 13.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Kuster amendment No. 14.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Delgado amendment No. 15.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Delgado amendment No. 16.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Golden amendment No. 17.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Golden amendment No. 18.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sherrill amendment No. 19.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Sherrill amendment, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Sherrill demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sherrill amendment No. 20.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Slotkin amendment No. 21.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** MOMENT OF SILENCE - Mr. Hoyer addressed the Committee and led a moment of silence in memory of the life and legacy of the Honorable John Dingell.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 840.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** Mr. Barr moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text: CR H1479)
- **Feb 8, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Barr motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add a subsection to section 2 pertaining to additional requirements for child care providers.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 200 - 214 (Roll no. 74).
- **Feb 8, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 400 - 9 (Roll no. 75).
- **Feb 8, 2019:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 400 - 9 (Roll no. 75).
- **Feb 8, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 840.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 105. (consideration: CR H1418-1431; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H1422)
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 840 and H. Res. 86. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 840 under a structured rule. Rule provides that H. Res. 86 is adopted. Rule also provides for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of February 15, 2019.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 105 and Rule XVIII.

Feb 7, 2019: The Speaker designated the Honorable Stacey E. Plaskett to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.

- **Feb 7, 2019:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 840.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Brindisi amendment No. 1.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Radewagen amendment No. 2.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rose of NY amendment No. 3.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Bergman amendment No. 4.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Bergman amendment, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Bergman demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lee (NV) amendment No. 5.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Barr amendment No. 6.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cisneros amendment No. 7.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cisneros amendment No. 8.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rodney Davis amendment No. 9.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sablan amendment No. 10.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 105, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cloud amendment No. 11.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Mr. Takano moved that the committee rise.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 840 as unfinished business.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 105 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 840. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 840 under a structured rule. Rule provides that H. Res. 86 is adopted. Rule also provides for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of February 15, 2019.
- **Feb 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.