HR 8483

Pandemic Assistance for Student Veterans Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7105	Related bill	**Jan 5, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 116-315.
116 HR 8415	Related bill	**Sep 29, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.
116 HR 8426	Related bill	**Sep 29, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Oct 1, 2020)

Pandemic Assistance for Student Veterans Act of 2020

This bill addresses the administration of educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in relation to the COVID-19 emergency,

Specifically, the VA must provide educational assistance, including housing stipends and allowances, to individuals who are negatively affected by the COVID-19 emergency.

The bill ensures that entitlement to educational assistance will not be charged or counted against the aggregate period in situations where an individual was unable to complete a course or program due to the COVID-19 emergency.

The VA must treat an individual's withdrawal from a program of education due to COVID-19 between March 1, 2020, and December 21, 2021, as a mitigating circumstance and not charge the individual's educational assistance entitlement.

The bill modifies the time limitation for use of Montgomery Bill benefits or vocational rehabilitation benefits during the pandemic so the window of eligibility does not expire during the COVID-19 emergency.

Additionally, the bill adjusts the administration of certain benefits for veterans participating in an apprenticeship or other on-job training during the period between March 1, 2020, and December 21, 2021, including by proportionately reducing the 120-hour monthly training requirement to reflect an individual's period of unemployment without a reduction in training assistance.

The bill expands educational assistance to include programs or courses of education at training establishments (e.g., establishment providing apprentice or other on-job training) during the COVID-19 emergency.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
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