

S 1607

Student Veterans Transparency and Protection Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: May 13, 2021

Current Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. (Dec 15, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1607>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE | | May 13, 2021 |
| Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH] | R · OH | | May 13, 2021 |
| Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD] | R · SD | | May 13, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Markup By | Dec 15, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Student Veterans Transparency and Protection Act of 2021

This bill addresses the maintenance of the GI Bill Comparison Tool and administration of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational assistance.

The VA must maintain the tool and ensure its historical data remains easily and prominently accessible on the VA's benefits website for at least seven years from the initial publication.

The VA must retain, maintain, and publish feedback from students and state approving agencies regarding the quality of instruction, recruiting practices, and post-graduation employment placement of approved institutions of higher learning for the duration that the institution is approved for VA benefit purposes.

The bill provides institutions of higher learning with up to 30 days to review and respond to any feedback and address issues before the feedback is published.

The bill requires that the GI Bill Comparison Tool include updated information, including descriptions of each federal student aid program and the amount of educational assistance an individual may be eligible to receive under the program.

The VA must train personnel that provide education benefits counseling, vocational or transition assistance, or similar functions to properly use the comparison tool and provide appropriate education counseling services.

The VA must restore entitlement to educational assistance in situations where there is a civil enforcement action or VA action against an educational institution, and an individual was unable to complete the course or program of education due to such action. Individuals may be charged against their entitlement at their request.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **May 13, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 13, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.