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GI Bill National Emergency Extended Deadline Act of 2021

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

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Dec 7, 2021

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1095	Related bill	Nov 30, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-68.
117 HR 2945	Related bill	Jul 26, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
117 S 1935	Related bill	May 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
117 HR 2167	Related bill	May 19, 2021: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
117 HR 2391	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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This bill amends various provisions related to educational assistance benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

First, the bill extends the time limitation for using educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and for eligibility under the Veteran Readiness and Employment program, when educational institutions are temporarily or permanently closed due to an emergency situation, or there is another reason that prevents an individual from participating.

Next, the bill requires the VA to disapprove courses of education provided by public institutions of higher learning that charge higher tuition and fees than in-state tuition for individuals who are entitled to educational assistance under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program. The bill also makes adjustments to the time limitation for using educational assistance under this program.

The VA must implement an information technology service using one or more commercial software systems to process claims for VA educational assistance benefits.

Finally, the bill requires the Veterans' Employment and Training Service within the Department of Labor to implement a pilot program under which states may use grants or contracts to carry out a short-term fellowship program to provide veterans with opportunities for long-term employment.

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 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 27, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.