

S 4458

Ensuring the Best Schools for Veterans Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jun 23, 2022

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 117-174.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 117-174. (Aug 26, 2022)

Law: 117-174 (Enacted Aug 26, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4458>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 23, 2022
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 18, 2022
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Aug 4, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8198	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This act makes adjustments to the process by which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) evaluates programs of education for violations of the 85/15 Rule.

The rule generally prohibits the VA from approving the enrollment of a veteran in any course at an educational institution where more than 85% of the students are having all or part of their tuition or other charges paid by the institution or the VA.

The act adds an exception for tuition or charges paid under a payment plan at an educational institution with a history of offering payment plans that are completed within 180 days after the end of the applicable term, quarter, or semester.

The act also requires the VA to establish a process by which an educational institution may request a review of a determination that the institution has more than 85% of enrolled students that have all or part of their tuition or other charges paid by the institution or the VA.

The act adjusts the existing 35% exemption by exempting courses from the 85/15 Rule if the majority of courses at the institution are approved by the state approving agency, and the total number of veterans, reservists, or eligible beneficiaries who are enrolled at the institution equals 35% or less of the total student enrollment at the institution.

Additionally, the 85/15 Rule does not apply with respect to the enrollment of a veteran in a program of education with fewer than 10 students who are having all or part of their tuition or other charges paid to or for them by the educational institution or the VA.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 26, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 26, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-174.
- **Aug 23, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Aug 12, 2022:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H7704-7705)
- **Aug 12, 2022:** Mr. Takano asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Aug 12, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.
- **Aug 12, 2022:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H7704-7705)
- **Aug 12, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 9, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 9, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 8, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 4, 2022:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4034)
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- **Aug 4, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(text: CR S4034)
- **Aug 4, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S4034)
- **Jul 13, 2022:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jun 23, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 23, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.