

## HR 6604

### Veterans Eligible to Transfer School (VETS) Credit Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Feb 4, 2022

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**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-297. (Dec 27, 2022)

**Law:** 117-297 (Enacted Dec 27, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 16, 2022
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 20, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3606	Related bill	Aug 9, 2022: Held at the desk.
117 HR 6458	Related bill	Mar 16, 2022: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

## **Veterans Eligible to Transfer School (VETS) Credit Act**

This act addresses eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational assistance for individuals who are transferring credits due to the closure or disapproval of a program of education.

Currently, an individual who transfers fewer than 12 credits from a program of education that is closed or disapproved must be deemed to have not received such credits, and the period for which the entitlement is not charged must be the entire period of the individual's enrollment in the program.

Under the act, the VA must require an individual to certify in writing the transfer of fewer than 12 credits from a program of education that is closed or disapproved. The VA must accept such a certification as proof that the individual is transferring fewer than 12 credits.

The VA must provide a certificate of eligibility (to demonstrate proof of full educational assistance entitlement) to individuals who make the certification and acknowledge that if 12 or more credits are transferred (1) they may not be deemed to be someone who did not receive such credits, and (2) the VA must rescind the certificate of eligibility in such cases.

The VA must notify individuals who are eligible to make such a certification and receive a certificate of eligibility.

The act also removes the requirement that an individual transferring a Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement must specify the period for which the transfer must be effective for each dependent who is designated to receive the transfer.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 27, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 27, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-297.
- **Dec 23, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7302-7303)
- **May 18, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 17, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5083)
- **May 17, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 1 (Roll no. 203).
- **May 17, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 1 (Roll no. 203). (text: 05/16/2022 CR H4998)
- **May 17, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 16, 2022:** Mr. Trone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 16, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4997-4999)
- **May 16, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6604.
- **May 16, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 16, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 22, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Feb 4, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.