

HR 1669

VET–TEC Authorization Act of 2023

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Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 21, 2023
Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Apr 27, 2023
Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Apr 27, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 28, 2023
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 30, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1877	Related bill	Jun 8, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 S 1678	Related bill	May 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 S 1330	Related bill	Apr 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 HR 234	Related bill	Apr 19, 2023: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
118 HR 746	Related bill	Apr 18, 2023: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
118 HR 1635	Related bill	Apr 18, 2023: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
118 HR 1798	Related bill	Apr 18, 2023: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

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This bill addresses various Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs and benefits, including to continue a high technology program and provide burial and funeral allowances for certain veterans.

(Sec. 2) The VA must implement through FY2028 a program under which it provides up to 6,000 covered individuals per year the opportunity to enroll in high technology programs of education that provide non-degree training or skills related to computer programming, media application, data processing, or information sciences. A covered individual is a veteran who (1) the VA determines is under the age of 62, served an aggregate of at least 36 months on active duty, and was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable; or (2) will satisfy such requirements in fewer than 180 days after the VA's determination.

In administering the program, the VA must provide assistance to covered individuals in amounts equal to those provided to Post-9/11 GI Bill recipients who are pursuing a degree on more than a half-time basis.

(Sec. 3) The bill also requires the VA to provide a burial and funeral allowance for a veteran who dies in a home or other setting at which the veteran was receiving VA hospice care (if such care was directly preceded by VA hospital or nursing home care).

(Sec. 4) The bill provides that a rehabilitation program under the Veteran Readiness and Employment Program may include a program that includes flight training and does not lead to a degree.

(Sec. 5) This section imposes sole liability for overpayments of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 GI Bill on the individual who was eligible for such assistance in situations where the individual failed to complete a service agreement and transferred the entitlement to a dependent.

Filipino Education Fairness Act

(Sec. 6) This section increases the amount of educational assistance available to an individual pursuing a program of education under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program at an institution located in the Philippines. Under current law, DEA educational assistance for an individual pursuing a program of education at an institution located in the Philippines is limited to \$0.50 for each dollar. The bill makes an individual eligible for the full assistance amount.

(Sec. 7) The VA must provide eligibility and award documents related to specified VA educational assistance programs (e.g., the Post-9/11 GI Bill) in an electronic format. Specifically, the VA must electronically provide (1) a certificate of eligibility for an individual's entitlement to assistance, and (2) an award letter regarding the authorization to receive assistance.

An individual may elect to receive documents by mail and may revoke such an election at any time.

(Sec. 8) Finally, the bill extends certain loan fee rates through April 30, 2032, under the VA's home loan program.

Actions Timeline

- **May 30, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 24, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2578-2579)
- **May 24, 2023:** 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): 409 - 9 (Roll no. 235). (text: 05/22/2023 CR H2474-2476)
- **May 24, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 9 (Roll no. 235). (text: 05/22/2023 CR H2474-2476)
- **May 24, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 22, 2023:** Mr. Bost moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 22, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2474-2479)
- **May 22, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1669.
- **May 22, 2023:** 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.
- **May 17, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 118-68.
- **May 17, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 48.
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Discharged.
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 18, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 11, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Mar 21, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 21, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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