

HR 2971

Veterans Claims Education Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		May 23, 2024
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jul 10, 2024
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2024
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Aug 20, 2024
Rep. Hunt, Wesley [R-TX-38]	R · TX		Sep 10, 2024
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Sep 11, 2024
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Nov 8, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 12, 2023
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 23, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans Claims Education Act of 2023

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to, upon receipt of an initial claim for benefits from a claimant that is not represented by an accredited person (i.e., a veterans service organization, attorney, or agent recognized by the VA) provide (1) notice that an accredited person may assist the claimant, (2) notice that a veterans service organization may represent the claimant for free, (3) information regarding a search tool to find an accredited person to assist in the filing of claims, and (4) information on how and where to report a person who is not accredited and charged a fee to assist with a claim.

In its web portal, the VA must provide a warning regarding fees an agent or attorney may charge for assistance in filing benefits claims. (Under current law, fees are generally prohibited for filing an initial claim.)

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 23, 2024:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Sep 11, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **May 12, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.