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Purple Heart Veterans Education Act of 2025

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 30, 2025
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 11, 2025
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 11, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 30, 2025
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Dec 10, 2025
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Mar 18, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 790	Related bill	Mar 4, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2025)

Purple Heart Veterans Education Act of 2025

This bill authorizes certain Purple Heart recipients to elect to transfer to one or more eligible dependents (e.g., a spouse or child) unused portions of such recipients' entitlement to Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance. This authority specifically applies to veterans who are awarded the Purple Heart for service in the Armed Forces occurring on or after September 11, 2001, and who have been discharged or released from active service.

Under the bill, the total number of months of entitlement transferred by a Purple Heart recipient may not exceed 36 months. Additionally, the Purple Heart recipient may modify or revoke any unused portion of the transferred entitlement by submitting written notice.

A transferred entitlement may not be treated as marital property or marital assets in divorce or other civil proceedings.

The death of the Purple Heart recipient must not affect the use of the entitlement by the individual who receives the transferred entitlement.

In the event of an overpayment of educational assistance, the Purple Heart recipient and the transferee of the entitlement must be held jointly and severally liable for the amount.

The bill requires the VA and DOD to coordinate to facilitate the transfer of entitlements under the bill.

