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FY 2012 – FY 2016 Trainees/Dollars Paid

Benefit	Education Programs	FY 12 Trainees/Dollars Paid	FY 13 Trainees/Dollars Paid	FY 14 Trainees/Dollars Paid	FY 15 Trainees/Dollars Paid	FY 16 Trainees/Dollars Paid
Chapter 30	Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)-AD	118,549 / \$932M	99,755 / \$775M	77,389 / \$512M	61,403 / \$442.2M	47,307 / 365.1M
Chapter 32	Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)	76 / \$682K	29 / \$496K	8 / \$359K	4 / \$35K	4/ \$22K*
*Chapter 33	Post-9/11 GI Bill	646,302 / \$8.5B	754,229 / \$10.2B	790,408 / \$10.8B	790,507 / \$11.2B	790,090 / \$11.6B
Chapter 35	Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)	87,707 / \$455M	89,160 / \$483M	90,789 / \$514M	91,755 / \$493.2M	96,762 / \$520.5M
Chapter 1606	Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)	60,393 / \$157M	62,656 / \$156M	63,745/ \$150M	63,030 / \$141.1M	61,388 / \$139.3
Chapter 1607	Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)	19,774 / \$77M	17, 297 / \$70M	13,784/ \$56M	9,965 / \$40.5M	4,538 / \$20.7M
	Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)	12,251 / \$6.1M	67,918 / \$428M	52,288 / \$413M	N/A	N/A
Total Note: Dollars may not add due to rounding. *Dollar Amount does not include CH 32 Refund		945,052 / \$10.1B	1,091,044 / \$12.1B	1,088,411 / \$12.4B	1,016,664 / \$12.3B	1,000,089 / 12.6B

As of June 13, 2017, VA issued over \$75.6 billion in Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit payments to 1,763,848 individuals since program inception (August 2009).

Long Term Solution (Chapter 33 Only) – Supplemental Automation Summary

Automation Summary	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	*FYTD
Total Claims Automated	2,325,037	2,573,279	2,554,493	2,578,890	1,623,538
Claims Fully Automated	1,236,210 / 44.2%	1,524,570 / 50.3%	1,562,828 / 52.1%	1,347,027 / 45.6%	860,339 / 44.3%
Claims Partially Automated	1,088,827 / 38.9%	1,048,709 / 34.6%	991,665 / 33.0%	1,231,863 / 41.8%	763,199 / 39.3%
Total Claims Manually Processed	471,736	458,052	446,089	442,831	316,934

* FYTD is June 16, 2017

Long Term Solution

Currently preparing for User Acceptance Testing for the infrastructure upgrade for Release 6.7 targeted to deploy to the production environment in FY18 Q1. This release will assure LTS' infrastructure is compliant to VA technical standards. The key changes include:

- Upgrade of the LTS server operating systems (Windows and Linux)
- Upgrade of the LTS Automation hardware and business rules software
- Upgrade of key software components (Java, WebLogic) to the VA approved versions

Claims Processing Highlights

Claims Inventory	FY14	FY15	FY16	FYTD May 2017
Claims Processed	4.3M	4.2M	4.1M	2.5M
Original Claims Timeliness (Average Days to Complete)	16.7	18.4	16.7	22.1
Supplemental Claims Timeliness (Average Days to Complete)	5.9	7.0	6.7	7.8
Payment Accuracy	98.7%	99.4%	98.8%	98.0%*

*Percentage reflects FY17 2nd Quarter

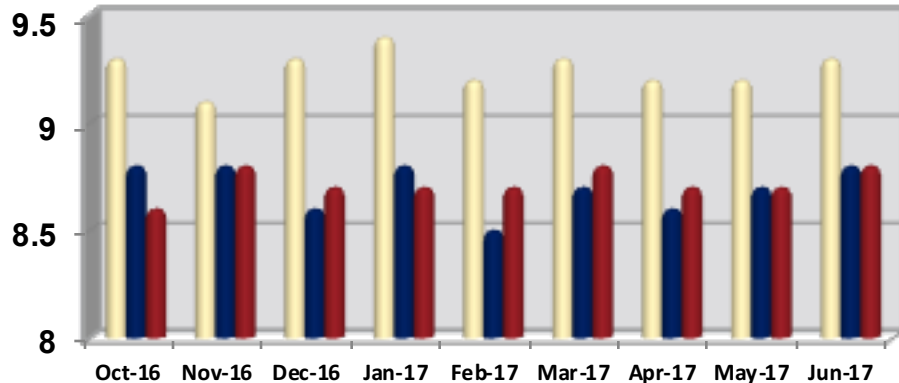
Claims Processed

	Original	Supplemental
March 2017	27,990	276,048
April 2017	26,665	237,745
May 2017	30,584	260,593

Education Call Center Highlights

JD Power External Quality Scores

■ Courtesy
 ■ Knowledge
 ■ Concern



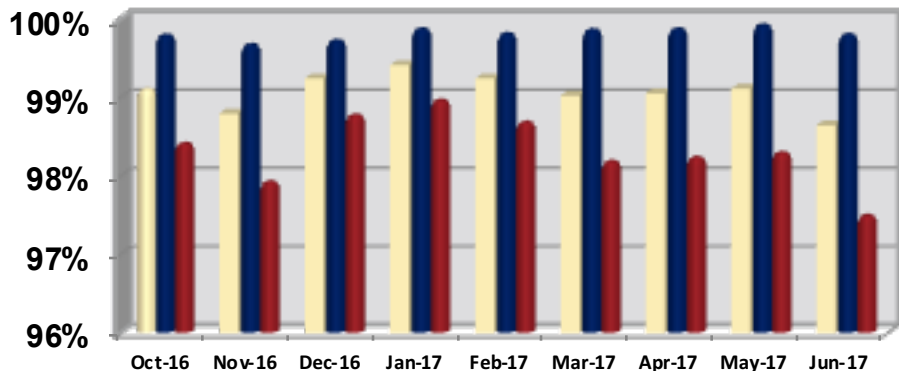
Quarter 2 (FY17) Average Calls Answered Per Month: **198,527**

Overall Satisfaction Score for June 2017: **860**

- Exceeds the government benchmark of 721
- Exceeds the service industry benchmark of 815

Internal Quality Scores

■ Overall
 ■ Technical
 ■ Courtesy-Professionalism



June 2017

Scores

Courtesy of Representative	9.3
Knowledge of Representative	8.8
Representative's Concern	8.8
Overall Quality	98.65%
Technical Quality	99.81%
Courtesy/Professionalism	97.5%

Education Call Center

Education Call Center (ECC)/Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Tool

- The ECC/CRM Tool, Release 3.1.15.1 was deployed to the full call center (over 300+ personnel) on April 10, 2017. Functionality in this release:
 - Provides Personal Identity Verification(PIV) compliance
 - Provides managers an overarching picture of the call center performance and track top caller reasons/caller types through call center-wide dashboard
 - Provides Automation for JD Power Report and enhanced reporting metrics
- ECC/CRM project is no longer in development and is in the final planning phase for the first sustainment build. The next release, Release 3.2, is scheduled for deployment in September 2017.

Compliance Activity

Compliance Survey Data

	FY16 # of Surveys	FY17 Plan # of Surveys
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	2,427	3,418
State Approving Agencies	2,921	2,263
Total Surveys	5,348	5,681

FY17 Guidance:

- Continue to use SECVA's waiver authority
- Emphasize private for-profit and non-accredited schools
- Include 100% of IHLs with flight programs, and priority will be given to private for profit, non-accredited schools
- Visit all newly approved institutions

Looking to FY18:

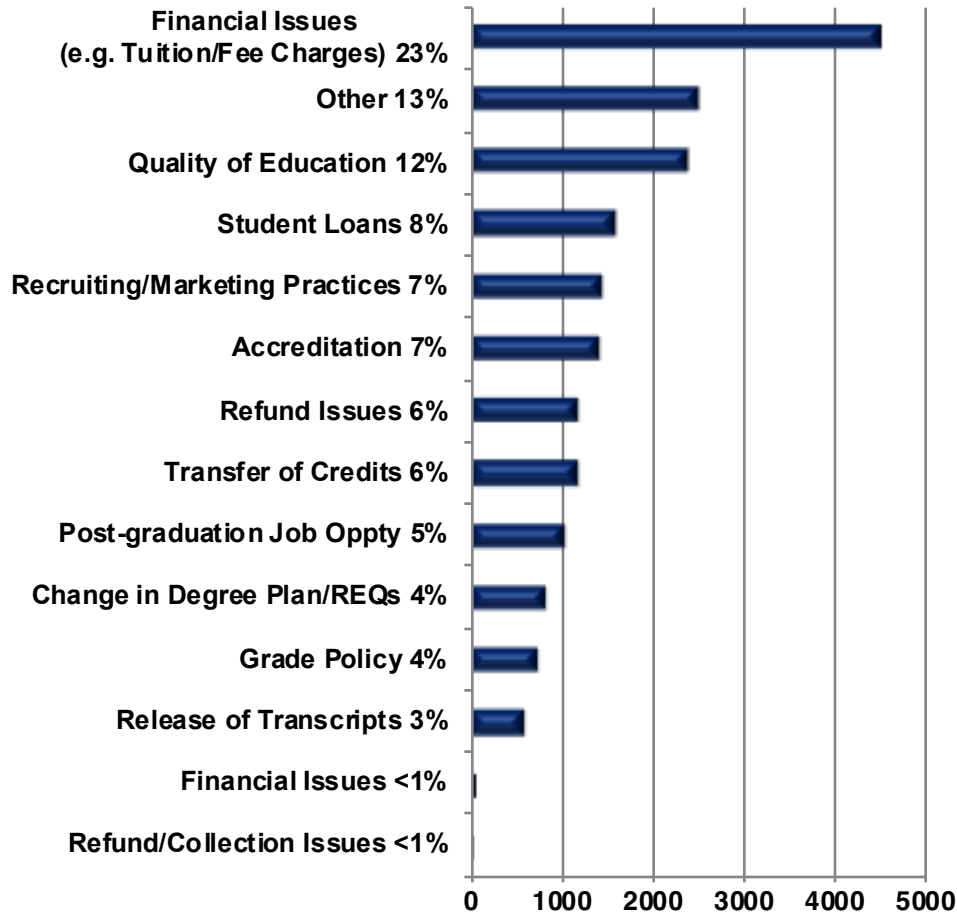
- PL 114-315 changes compliance requirements
- Developing new strategy
- No decrease in numbers, will change mix

GI Bill® Feedback System

- On January 30, 2014, VA launched the Feedback System to intake student complaints concerning non-compliant Principals of Excellence (POE) schools
- Total complaints as of June 30, 2017: 8,468
 - Of these:
 - POE complaints: 4,872 (58%)
 - Pending: 203
 - Active: 72
 - Non-POE complaints: 3,596 (42%)
- Risk-based reviews conducted as of June 30, 2017: 139
 - 15 withdrawals
- GI Bill Feedback System Observations:
 - Communication – Issues between school staff and students
 - Financial issues – Timeliness of certification submission
 - Transfer of credits – General lack of understanding by students
 - Refund issues – Administration with multiple types of financial aid (Title IV & VA)

GI Bill® Feedback System

% Complaint by Issue: Inception through June 2017



Complaints by Issue (June 2017)

Financial Issues (e.g. Tuition/Fee Charges)	4,501
Other	2,508
Quality of Education	2,375
Student Loans	1,585
Recruiting/Marketing Practices	1,451
Accreditation	1,411
Refund Issues	1,186
Transfer of Credits	1,178
Post-graduation Job Opportunities	1,024
Change in Degree Plan/Requirements	813
Grade Policy	725
Release of Transcripts	581
Financial Issues	46
Refund/Collection Issues	13

GI Bill® Comparison Tool

Comparison Tool was launched on February 4, 2014, in response to Executive Order 13607 to implement and promote “Principles of Excellence.” As of June 12, 2017, it had over **7.4 million unique page views** with over **6 million schools searched**.

Recent Release:

On April 25, 2017, VA released a redesign of the Comparison Tool to include:

- Improved design of the mobile/tablet profile page
- Enhancements to search result page
- More prominent location of the Benefits estimator

Future Release Will Include:

- School Rating, More Caution Flag Information, School Certifying Official, Contact Information, Detailed Accreditation Information, Major/Program type

Review the Comparison Tool: <https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

Outcome Measures

Outcome Measures Progress

- August 10, 2016 – VA sent graduation preview data to 4-year IHL schools
- August 29, 2016 – VA sent letter to 4-year IHL schools extending reporting period
- Data validation extended to September 30, 2016
- Deployment of 4-year outcome measures delayed to address concerns
- Broader Cohort Definition effort
- Re-evaluating plan in light of PL 114-315 Sec. 404
- VA and ED signed a data-sharing agreement for the following measures:
 - Student loan debt
 - Loan repayment measurements
 - Cohort default measures
 - Federal loan usage rates for Post-9/11 GI Bill students

EDU Organization Update

- Atlanta Regional Processing Office (RPO) ceased education claims processing activities
- VBA reassigned 106 employees from the Atlanta RPO
- Redirection of Resources:
 - 75 positions transitioned to the Veterans Service Center (VSC)
 - 21 positions transitioned to VA Central Office - Education Service
 - 10 positions transitioned to Compliance & Liaison Division – Education Service
- All of the education claims workload processed in the Atlanta RPO was reassigned to the Buffalo and Muskogee RPOs

GI Bill® Integrity & Protection

- August 3rd Symposium/Follow-up February 22nd
- Finalized Decision Matrix for Enforcement Action (internal tool)
- Added Resources
- Federal Agency Lash-Ups
- ACICS Accreditation Derecognition by Department of Education
 - 236 of 237 institutions signed PPAs
 - Milestones: 6/12/17 (180 day); DoE verifies that all three required milestones are met in the PPPA addendum (300 day)
- DeVry settlements with FTC and Department of Education – December 2016

PL 114-315 Implementation

PL 114-315: Weekly Status Overview 07/07/2017

#	Section Title	Required Implementation Date	Latest Action/Update
401	Clarification of eligibility for Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship.	The changes made by section 401 would apply to a quarter, semester, or term commencing on or after January 1, 2015.	COMPLETE
404	Reports to VA on progress of students receiving Post-9/11 Educational Assistance.	Saturday, December 16, 2017 (data collection required one year after the date of enactment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with Stakeholders on Proposed Data Elements Defined "Academic and Employment Success"
405	Recodification and improvement of election process for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.	01/01/2017	COMPLETE
406	Work-study authority for SAAs, VA Hospitals, national/state cemeteries	06/30/2017	IMPLEMENTED (Communication Plan Developed, Not Yet Released)
407	Centralized reporting of veteran enrollment by certain groups, districts, and consortiums of educational institutions.	December 16, 2016 (applies to any reports of enrollment submitted on or after the date of enactment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Stakeholders to Gather Input and Exchange Ideas Drafted Centralized Reporting Guidance
408	Role of State approving agencies for "deemed approved" schools.	12/16/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions between Education Service (VA) and NASAA Contract Committee Ongoing FY18 Contract Changes Pending
409	Modification of requirements for approval for programs designed to prepare individuals for licensure or certification.	12/16/2016 (with grandfather clause for those currently enrolled)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAs Implementing VA Waiver Process in Development
410	VA, in consultation with SAA, determine if additional approval criteria are necessary and equitable.	This change would apply with respect to criteria developed pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3676(c)(14) on or after January 1, 2013, and an investigation conducted under 38 U.S.C. 3676(c) that is covered by a reimbursement of expense paid by VA to a state, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3674, on or after October 1, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined the "Additional Criteria" used by SAAs and if it Applied Equitably Across all Programs

PL 114-315 Implementation

PL 114-315: Weekly Status Overview 07/07/2017

#	Section Title	Required Implementation Date	Latest Action/Update
411	Compliance surveys > 20 schools	FY 18 Compliance Cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studied Data to Identify Potential Schools Building FY 18 and FY 19 Strategies
✓412	Modification of reductions in reporting fee multipliers for payments by Secretary of Veterans Affairs to educational institutions.	Varies (December 16, 2016, through September 25, 2017, \$6.00 and \$12.00) (September 26, 2017, through September 25, 2018, \$7.00 and \$12.00) (September 26, 2018, through September 25, 2026, \$12.00 and \$15.00)	COMPLETE
413	Composition of Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education.	12/16/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Selection Process for New Members
414	Survey of individuals using their entitlement to educational assistance under the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.	Varies (September 12, 2017, VA must enter into Contract) (One month before collection of data, survey must be sent to HVAC/SVAC) (180 days after signed contract date, contractor must complete survey and send results to Secretary) (90 days after receiving results, Secretary must sent report to HVAC/SVAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Secured and Approved for Survey On-track to add Survey to JD Power Contract
415	Department of Veterans Affairs provision of information on articulation agreements between institutions of higher learning.	Thursday, March 16, 2017 (90 days after the date of enactment to implement this legislation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting Upload of New Language into LTS/PCGL
416	Retention of entitlement to educational assistance during certain additional periods of active duty.	12/16/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Notification Letter and ECC Script Pending
417	Technical amendment relating to in-state tuition rate for individuals to whom entitlement is transferred under all-volunteer force educational assistance program and post-9/11 educational assistance.	07/01/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51 States and Territories Compliant

VA's Key FY18 Legislative Proposals

Prevent VA from Providing Unlimited Amounts of Payments for Flight Training at Public School:

VA proposes to amend title 38 U.S.C. § 3313(c) and add new section (j) to impose tuition and fee payment caps at Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) with flight training programs and establish a maximum allowable fee structure for all VA-funded flight programs. Savings are estimated to be \$42.0 million in 2018, \$228.8 million for five years, and \$511.2 million over ten years.

Streamline monthly certifications for on-the-job (OJT) and apprenticeship programs:

VA proposes to amend § 3680(c) of title 38, U.S.C., to eliminate the requirement for two signatures and require the signature of only the school certifying official (supervisor) at the training establishment. This change would provide better service to students, as it would simplify the certification process by allowing the training facility to certify the monthly attendance electronically, through a system similar to VA-ONCE (VA's tool for online certification of enrollment), and would reduce potential delays in benefit payments. No benefit costs or savings are associated with this proposal.

VA's Key FY18 Legislative Proposals

Request Statutory Change to title 38 U.S.C. Section 3683 Conflicting Interest to “Any Institution” Not Just For-Profit Institutions:

This proposal would ensure that conflicts of interest do not exist for members of SAAs approve programs at any institution type, including non-profit universities. No costs are associated with this proposal.

Sunset the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Education Assistance Program (VEAP):

Although VEAP will eventually sunset on its own, it is not cost-effective to continue to expend administrative and information technology (IT) resources to administer and maintain this program for the extremely small number of beneficiaries paid in a given year. Usage under VEAP has decreased from 560 beneficiaries in FY 2008 to 4 beneficiaries for FY 2016. Administrative costs include claims processing personnel in VA Regional Processing Offices as well as costs for IT personnel to maintain the VEAP program in the Benefits Delivery Network system. No benefit cost or savings are associated with this proposal.

VA's Key FY18 Legislative Proposals

Extension of Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education:

VA proposes to amend title 38, U.S.C. § 3692 (c) to authorize VA's Advisory Committee on Education through December 31, 2019. No costs are associated with this proposal.

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 43, Independent Study, (Rep. Markwayne Mullin, Oklahoma - Introduced January 3, 2017)

(Contains provisions similar to those introduced in S. 1356 - Veterans Education Improvement Act of 2017)

- Authorizes the use of Post-9/11 educational assistance to pursue independent study programs at certain accredited educational institutions that are not institutions of higher learning.
- January 19, 2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

H.R. 245, Veterans' Education Equity Act, (Rep. Paul Cook, California - Introduced January 4, 2017)

- Requires VA to calculate the monthly housing allowance (MHA) under the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on the location of the campus where the individual attends classes, rather than the location of the institution of higher learning at which the individual is enrolled.
- January 19, 2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 1104, Veterans' To Enhance Studies Through Accessibility Act, (Rep. Susan Brooks, Indiana – Introduced February 16, 2017)

(Contains provisions identical to those introduced in S. 1192)

- Requires VA to charge entitlement for certain licensing and certification tests and national tests under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.
- March 3, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

H.R. 1112, Shauna Hill Post 9/11 Education Benefits Transferability Act (Rep. Raul Labrador, Indiana – Introduced February 16, 2017)

(Contains provisions identical to those introduced in S. 410)

- Authorizes the transfer of unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance benefits to additional dependents upon the death of the originally designated dependent.
- March 3, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 1216, Protecting Veterans From School Closures Act of 2017 (Rep. Luke Messer, Indiana - Introduced February 24, 2017)

(Contains provisions similar to those introduced in H.R. 2068 - Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Education Relief and Restoration Act of 2017)

- Authorizes VA to restore entitlement to educational assistance for Veterans affected by school closures.
- March 6, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

H.R. 1384, Reserve Component Benefits Parity Act (Rep. Steven Palazzo, Mississippi - Introduced March 7, 2017)

(Contains provisions similar to those introduced in S. 473 - Educational Development for Troops and Veterans Act of 2017)

- Requires VA to add sections 12304a and 12304b of title 10 to the list of authorities that qualify as active duty service for Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility.
- April 5, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 1793, Veterans Education Priority Enrollment Act of 2017 (Rep. Tim Ryan, Ohio - Introduced March 29, 2017)

(Contains provisions identical to those introduced in S. 764)

- Requires VA or a State Approving Agency to prohibit approving a program of education offered by an institution that allows certain students priority enrollment, unless the institution allows “covered individuals” to enroll at the earliest possible time pursuant to such a priority enrollment system.
- Covered individuals” are those individuals using educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, 32, 33, or 35 of title 38, United States Code; or under chapter 1606 or 1607 of title 10, United States Code.
- April 12, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 1956, Caring for the Families of our Wounded and Fallen Heroes Act, (Rep. David Roe, Tennessee – Introduced April 5, 2017)

- Authorizes an increase to the monthly rates of educational assistance under the Dependents' Educational Assistance program from:
 - \$788 to \$1,224 for full-time training
 - \$592 to \$967 for three-quarter time training
 - \$394 to \$710 for one-half time training
- April 6, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

H.R. 1989, Veterans Employment Through Technology Education Courses Act of 2017 (VET TEC Act), (Rep. Kevin McCarthy, California - Introduced April 6, 2017)

(Contains provisions similar to those introduced in S.1277)

- Authorizes VA to carry out a five-year pilot program to provide eligible Veterans who are entitled to educational assistance with the opportunity to enroll in high technology programs of education.
- April 7, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 1994, Vocational Education and Training Enhancements for Reintegration Assistance Now Act (VETERAN Act), (Gus Bilirakis, Florida - Introduced April 6, 2017)

- Requires VA to make changes and improvements to the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) information technology (IT) systems to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, all original and supplemental claims for educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, are adjudicated electronically and rules-based processing is used to make decisions with little human intervention.
- April 7, 2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

H.R. 2099, GI Bill Fairness Act of 2017, (Rep. Mark Takano, California-Introduced April 14, 2017)

(Contains provisions identical to those introduced in S. 844)

- Amends the definition of active duty in section 3301 of title 38, United States Code, to include certain time spent receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as qualifying active duty service performed by members of the Reserve and National Guard.
- April 14, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 2100, Work-Study for Student Veterans Act (Rep. Mark Takano, California-Introduced April 14, 2017)

- Authorizes VA to pay benefits for certain work-study activities for the period from June 30, 2017 through June 30, 2027.
- April 14, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

H.R. 2103, Julian Woods Yellow Ribbon Program Expansion Act (John Rutherford, Florida – Introduced April 17, 2017)

- Authorizes VA to allow recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon program under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- April 17, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 2108, GI Bill STEM Extension Act of 2017 (Rep. David McKinley, West Virginia-Introduced April 20, 2017)

- Authorizes VA to provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to certain individuals who have used all of their Post-9/11 GI Bill educational assistance and who are enrolled in programs of education which lead to degrees in certain Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical fields.
- April 20, 2017 referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

H.R. 2257, Guard and Reservist Education Improvement Act, (Rep. Brad Wenstrup, Ohio - Introduced April 28, 2017)

(Contains provisions identical to those introduced in S. 1362)

- Requires VA to consolidate the current amount of qualifying active duty service needed after September 10, 2001, for payment of educational assistance under Post-9/11GI Bill at the 50 percent and 60 percent benefit levels.
- This bill removes the 40 percent benefit level from the amounts payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- April 28, 2017 referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

H.R. 2549, GI Bill Processing Improvement Act (Rep. Mike Coffman, Colorado – Introduced May 19, 2017)

- Requires VA to make available to educational institutions information about the amount of educational assistance to which a Veteran or other individual is entitled under chapter 30, 32, 33, or 35.
- Extends authority for Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education (VACOE) through December 31, 2022.
- Places a limitation on the use of reporting fees payable to educational institutions and joint apprenticeship training committees.
 - Prohibits an educational institution or joint apprenticeship training committee that has 75 or more enrollees from using or merging reporting fees from VA with the amounts available for the general fund of the educational institution or joint apprenticeship training committee.

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

- Authorizes VA, in consultation with the State Approving Agencies (SAAs), to provide training requirements for school certifying officials employed by educational institutions that offer courses of education approved under chapter 36 of title 38 U.S.C.
- Requests an increase in the amount of funding for reimbursements payable to SAAs by VA from \$19 million to \$21 million.
- May 19, 2017 referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

S. 473, Educational Development for Troops and Veterans Act of 2017 (Rep. Jon Tester, Minnesota - Introduced February 28, 2017)

(Contains provisions similar to those introduced in H.R. 925 and S. 667)

- Requires VA to add sections 12304a and 12304b of title 10 to the list of authorities that qualify as active duty service for Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility.
- Requires VA to pro-rate the monthly housing allowance for reservists who are called to active duty.
- June 15, 2017 Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearing held.

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

S. 798, Yellow Ribbon Improvement Act of 2017 (Rep. Bill Cassidy, Louisiana - Introduced March 30, 2017)

- Authorizes VA to allow recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship and certain active duty Servicemembers and those eligible at the 100% benefit level pursuing a program on a half-time or less basis to be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon program under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- June 15, 2017 Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearing held.

S. 882, Purple Heart GI Bill Act (Rep. Mike Rounds South Dakota-Introduced April 6, 2017)

(Contains provisions similar to those introduced in H.R. 1379)

- Expands Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility to individuals who are awarded the Purple Heart for service in the Armed Forces occurring on or after September 11, 2001.
- Individuals who gain eligibility under this legislation would also be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- June 15, 2017 Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearing held.

Legislation Introduced in the 115th Congress

S. Unnumbered, Improve Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program

- Repeals the expiration date of June 30, 2022, for certain work-study activities.
- Authorizes VA to allow a dependent who received transfer of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill to transfer some or all of such entitlement to another eligible dependent who has received transferred entitlement if the Servicemember or Veteran who made the transfer subsequently dies.
- Requires educational institutions to treat a course that begins seven or fewer days before or after the first day of the academic term, as if it began on the first day of the academic term.
- Removes the requirement for Public, Private or Foreign Institutions of Higher Learning to deduct scholarships, or Federal, State, Institutional, or employer based aid or assistance from the tuition and fees that are reported to VA for individuals who qualify for less than 100 percent of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Questions?