

H.R. 4852, G.I. and Veterans Education Empowerment Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on October 29, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 4852 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to include additional information about institutions of higher learning on the GI Bill Comparison Tool, the department's website where it provides information on education benefits. That website provides information about institutions on topics of particular interest to veterans, such as the types of veteran resources on campus and the institutions' acceptance of GI Bill benefits. The website also provides information concerning each institution's accreditation, estimated costs, student outcomes, regulatory compliance, and other performance metrics. The bill would add requirements to provide information regarding whether the institution of higher learning admits students of only one gender, is affiliated with a religion, or primarily serves racial or ethnic minorities.

The Department of Education currently collects the information specified by the bill and VA already obtains much of that information for its website. Thus, CBO estimates that requiring the inclusion of that additional information would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2020-2024 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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