

H.R. 5914, Veterans Education Transparency and Training Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on December 5, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars		2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)		*	*	*
Revenues		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit		*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)		0	0	0
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034? < \$2.5 billion	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?		Yes	
	Mandate Effects			
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034? < \$5 billion	Contains intergovernmental mandate?		No	
	Contains private-sector mandate?		No	
* = between zero and \$500,000.				

H.R. 5914 would change the process for approval of commercial driver education programs by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA pays benefits to or on behalf of students who are enrolled in approved education or training programs. Such programs include courses that do not lead to a standard college degree and are offered by for-profit or non-profit schools. Under current law, those programs must be offered by such schools for at least two years before VA can approve enrollment for students receiving VA education benefits.

The bill would allow VA to waive that two-year requirement for any commercial driver education program that is licensed and offered by schools that meet specified criteria. Such schools would have to either offer the same program that is already approved by VA at another location within the same state or have offered the same program already approved within another state for at least one year. Schools seeking a waiver would be required to annually demonstrate to VA that the curriculum for the program is the same as that for the already approved locations.

CBO expects that most students who enroll in the commercial driver education programs that would be approved under the bill would otherwise use the VA benefits to which they are entitled to enroll in another education or training program under current law. Moreover, many programs approved under the bill would eventually be approved under current law

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because the bill would not change any approval criteria. Accordingly, the bill would affect which programs are approved for VA education benefits at a given point in time but would not significantly increase the overall amount of education benefits paid.

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