

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1564

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2021

Mrs. SHAHEEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Legal Sup-
5 port Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORT**
2 **FOR UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINICS THAT AS-**
3 **SIST VETERANS.**

4 (a) **SUPPORT AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of Vet-
5 erans Affairs may provide support to one or more univer-
6 sity law school programs that are designed to provide legal
7 assistance to veterans.

8 (b) **ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.**—Programs of university
9 law schools which may receive support under subsection
10 (a) may include programs that assist veterans with—

11 (1) filing and appealing claims for benefits
12 under laws administered by the Secretary; and

13 (2) such other civil, criminal, and family legal
14 matters as the Secretary considers appropriate.

15 (c) **FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**—

16 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The support provided a pro-
17 gram under subsection (a) may include financial
18 support of the program.

19 (2) **LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.**—The total
20 amount of financial support provided under sub-
21 section (a) in any fiscal year may not exceed
22 \$2,000,000.

23 (3) **FUNDING.**—Amounts for financial support
24 under subsection (a) shall be derived from amounts
25 appropriated or otherwise made available to the

- 1 General Operating Expenses account of the Veterans
- 2 Benefits Administration.

