S 548

A bill to improve mental health programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security
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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 6, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 6, 2003)

Amends Federal law relating to the provision of mental health services to veterans to: (1) make permanent (currently ends December 31, 2004) a program under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides counseling and treatment for sexual trauma; (2) increase from five to 15 the number of authorized Department of Veterans Affairs centers for mental illness research, education, and clinical activities; (3) increase funding for each of FY 2004 through 2006 for the provision of specialized mental health services to veterans; and (4) provide a specified allocation of such funding, including for programs on post-traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse disorder.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3269)
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3269)