

S 121

A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits provided for survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]

Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Jan 24, 2005
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Jan 24, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 24, 2005
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Jan 24, 2005
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jan 24, 2005
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jan 24, 2005
Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 24, 2005
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 2, 2005
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2005
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Mar 1, 2005
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 13, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Increases from \$12,000 to \$100,000 the death gratuity payable to survivors of members of the Armed Forces who die while on active duty or inactive duty training. Provides an additional gratuity of \$25,000 to any child of such member under 18 years old at the time of the member's death, payable when such child attains 21.

Continues TRICARE (a Department of Defense managed health care program) eligibility for the dependents of a member who dies while serving on active duty of more than 30 days for a three-year period after the member's death, with a further conditional extension in the case of a dependent child.

Terminates a 45-month limit on the use of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance.

Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide special restorative training to certain individuals.

Increases the amount of basic educational assistance for veterans' survivors and dependents pursuing certain types of institutional education. Authorizes the provision of tutorial assistance to such individuals without charge to their educational assistance entitlement.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 24, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S310-311)
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