

S 1341

Veterans' Enhanced Transition Services Act of 2005

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 30, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans' Enhanced Transition Services Act of 2005 - Requires the Secretary concerned to: (1) require preseparation counseling for members of reserve components who have been serving on active duty continuously for at least 180 days; and (2) ensure that commanders authorize such members to obtain counseling during duty time.

Requires preseparation counseling on: (1) certification and licensure requirements for civilian occupations; and (2) civilian occupations that correspond to military occupational specialties. Requires such counseling to include additional information for veterans, including job training programs, small business ownership, veterans' preference, housing counseling, health care benefits, and disability compensation.

Extends preseparation counseling to members of the National Guard being separated from long-term duty.

Directs the Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security to require participation in the Department of Labor transitional services program unless members previously participated in the program or are returning to previously held employment or educational pursuits. Requires the Secretary concerned to ensure that commanders authorize such members to obtain counseling during duty time.

Directs the Secretaries of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs to jointly submit to Congress a plan to maximize access to benefits delivery at discharge programs for members of the Armed Forces.

Directs the Secretary of Defense to prescribe minimum content and standards for required medical examinations, including screening for mental health disorders, and to provide follow-up services.

Requires the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to facilitate veteran-to-veteran preseparation counseling.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 9, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12596)
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 7/1/2005 S7822-7825)
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text of measure as introduced: CR 7/1/2005 S7825-2827)