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Military Family Support Act of 2005 Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia. (Jan 27, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]

Party: Independent • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 19, 2005
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 6, 2006
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 6, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	Jan 27, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Labor and Employment

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Military Family Support Act of 2005 - Directs the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to establish a program to authorize a caregiver (a federal employee at least 21 years of age capable of providing care to a child or other dependent family member of a member of the Armed Forces) to: (1) use any available sick leave for the provision of such care in the same manner as annual leave is used; and (2) use any federal leave available to that caregiver as though that period of caregiving is a medical emergency. Requires the service member: (1) for whom the caregiving is provided to be performing service in support of a contingency operation or in situations for which hostile fire or imminent danger pay is authorized; and (2) to designate the caregiver for his or her family. Terminates the program on December 31, 2007.

Directs the Secretary of Labor to: (1) establish a program to authorize employees of private businesses to use sick or any other leave for caregiving in the same manner as above; and (2) solicit businesses to voluntarily participate in the program. Requires caregiver designation. Terminates the program on December 31, 2007.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 27, 2006: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia.
- Oct 19, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Oct 19, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11561-11563)
- Oct 19, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11563-11564)