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Military Death Benefit Improvement Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text of measure as introduced: CR S231)

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Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 24, 2005
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Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 292	Related bill	Feb 4, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
109 S 42	Related bill	Jan 24, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Military Death Benefit Improvement Act of 2005 - Increases from \$12,000 to \$100,000 the death gratuity payable to the survivors of members of the Armed Forces who die: (1) while on active duty or inactive duty training; or (2) within 120 days after discharge or release from such duty or training, if the death resulted from an injury or disease incurred or aggravated during such duty or training.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 24, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 24, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S230)
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