

HR 1541

Coming Together for Guard and Reserve Families Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 3, 2007
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 15, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 902	Related bill	Oct 1, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12347-12349)

Summary (as of Mar 15, 2007)

Coming Together for Guard and Reserve Families Act - Directs the Secretary of Defense to enhance and improve Department of Defense (DOD) programs to provide family support for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve undergoing deployment (members). Requires such support to include post-deployment assistance for spouses and parents of returning members.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) conduct a pilot program of family-to-family support for families of such members; and (2) contract for support services for children, infants, and toddlers of such members.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly expand and enhance access to mental health services for families of members who are disabled during military service.

Requires a report from the Comptroller General to Congress on barriers to access to mental health services through TRICARE (a DOD managed health care program), including the number of providers under TRICARE that are located more than 40 miles from a military installation.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 3, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.