

S 3163

Military Family Support Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jun 19, 2008

**Current Status:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Gov

**Latest Action:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia. (Jul 21, 2008)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] | D · PA        |      | Jun 19, 2008 |

Committee Activity

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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred to | Jul 21, 2008 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
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| 110 HR 6326 | Related bill | <b>Jul 16, 2008:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.  |
| 110 S 1649  | Related bill | <b>Jul 13, 2007:</b> Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia. |

Military Family Support Act of 2008 - Directs the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to establish a program to authorize a caregiver (a federal employee at least 18 years of age capable of providing care to a child or other dependent family member of a member of the Armed Forces) to use: (1) any available sick leave for the provision of such care in the same manner as annual leave is used; and (2) any federal leave available to that caregiver as though that period of caregiving is a medical emergency.

Requires the program to: (1) provide a process for reasonable notice of the need for leave; and (2) protect employees from discrimination or retaliation for the use of leave under this Act and provide the opportunity to appeal a denial of its use. Requires the service member 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 to designate the caregiver for his or her family.

Terminates the program on December 31, 2012.

Provides for an offsetting reduction in FY2008 appropriations for the Department of Defense for research, development, test and evaluation.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 21, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia.
- **Jun 19, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 19, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.