

HR 5554

Justin Bailey Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (May 21, 2008)

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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Apr 30, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 23, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 21, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 20, 2008)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 15, 2008. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Justin Bailey Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008 - Requires each substance use disorder treatment plan developed by a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center to ensure that such center provides ready access to a full continuum of care for substance use disorders for veterans in need of such care. Includes under a full continuum of care: (1) screening for substance use disorder; (2) detoxification and stabilization; (3) intensive outpatient care; (4) relapse prevention; (5) outpatient counseling; (6) residential substance use disorder treatment; (7) pharmacological treatment to reduce cravings and opioid substitution therapy; (8) coordination with groups providing peer-to-peer counseling; (9) short-term, early interventions for substance use disorders; and (10) marital and family counseling. Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide outreach to veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom to increase awareness of the availability of such care.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) ensure that amounts made available to the VA for substance use disorder care, treatment, and services are allocated to ensure a full continuum of such care to veterans regardless of the location of their residence; and (2) include in annual budget reports a report on such care, treatment, and services. Requires: (1) each such report to be reviewed by the Committee on Care of Severely Chronically Mentally Ill Veterans; and (2) the Committee to provide an independent assessment of such care, treatment, and services furnished directly by the VA to veterans.

Directs the Secretary to carry out a two-year pilot program to test the feasibility and advisability of providing veterans who seek treatment for substance use disorders with access to a computer-based self-assessment, education, and specific treatment program through a secure Internet website operated by the Secretary. Authorizes appropriations. Requires a pilot program report from the Secretary to Congress.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) conduct a review of all residential mental health care facilities, including domiciliary facilities, of the Veterans Health Administration; and (2) report review results to the congressional veterans' committees.

States that this Act is in tribute to Justin Bailey, who, after returning to the United States from service in Operation Iraqi Freedom, died in a VA domiciliary facility while receiving care for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and a substance use disorder.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 20, 2008:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 20, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4193-4196)
- **May 20, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5554.
- **May 20, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4193-4194)
- **May 20, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4193-4194)
- **May 20, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 15, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-639.
- **May 15, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 400.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 23, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 23, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 7, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.