

HR 6968

Helping Those Who Serve Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 18, 2008)

Helping Those Who Serve Act - Directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a demonstration project (project) designed to: (1) increase access of members of the Armed Forces (members) returning from deployment abroad, and their families, to accessible, safe, and confidential mental health counseling; (2) reduce the stigma and career repercussions associated with seeking such services; and (3) make high-quality mental health services more user-friendly to such members and their families.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) establish a Special Working Group to develop guidelines and recommendations to ensure the protection of confidentiality for members participating in the project; (2) establish an advisory group to oversee project implementation; (3) submit project reports to the congressional defense committees; and (4) conduct a study of reasons for attrition among military mental health professionals, and make recommendations to increase the recruitment and retention of such individuals.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1975-1976)
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.