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Post-Deployment Health Assessment Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2058	Identical bill	Apr 24, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Mar 25, 2009)

Post-Deployment Health Assessment Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Defense to issue guidance for the provision of an in-person mental health screening for each member of the Armed Forces deployed in connection with a contingency operation, in order to identify post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), suicidal tendencies, and other behavioral health issues for which additional care and treatment may be necessary. Excludes from such screenings members not subjected or exposed to combat stress during their deployment.

Requires the Secretary to share screening results with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in order to ensure continuity of mental health care and treatment for such members during their transition from health care and treatment provided by the Department of Defense (DOD) to health care and treatment provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Actions Timeline

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