

HR 26

Veterans Mental Health Screening and Assessment Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

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Rep. Barrow, John [D-GA-12]	D · GA		Sep 9, 2011
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jan 13, 2012
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2011
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 18, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans Mental Health Screening and Assessment Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the increasing rate of suicide among veterans returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom is a serious problem; and (2) the Secretary of Defense should conduct mandatory, face-to-face, and confidential mental health and traumatic brain injury screenings for each member of the Armed Forces (member) during the period beginning 90 days after the member completes a deployment in support of a contingency operation and ending 180 days thereafter.

Directs the Secretary to carry out such screenings. Prohibits the Secretary from prohibiting a member from returning to the United States due to any screening result or determination.

Requires the Secretary and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a joint protocol to share existing and future reports from confidential screenings conducted to help aid members in 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

- **Feb 18, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2011:** 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.