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BEST Practices Act

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Sponsor

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

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 23, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1417	Related bill	May 18, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
112 HR 403	Related bill	Feb 4, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Summary (as of Jul 23, 2012)

Battlefield Excellence through Superior Training Practices Act or BEST Practices Act - Requires the Secretary of Defense (DOD), no later than: (1) October 1, 2014, to develop, test, and validate human-based training methods for training members of the Armed Forces in the treatment of combat injuries, with the goal of replacing live animal-based training methods; and (2) October 1, 2016, to use only use human-based training methods for such purposes. Prohibits the use of animals in such training after the latter date. Provides an exception when the Secretary determines that human-based training methods will not provide an educationally equivalent or superior substitute for live animal-based training methods.

Requires an annual report from the Secretary to the congressional defense committees on the development and implementation of the human-based training methods, as well as any exceptions implemented.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 23, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 23, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5262)
- **Jul 23, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.