

## S 522

### Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-203.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-203. (May 9, 2013)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

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

## Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT        |      | Mar 11, 2013 |
| Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]         | D · IA        |      | Mar 11, 2013 |
| Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]    | R · GA        |      | Jun 7, 2013  |
| Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]        | D · AK        |      | Jun 13, 2013 |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] | D · CT        |      | Jul 11, 2013 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity                     | Date        |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Hearings By (full committee) | May 9, 2013 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 113 HR 5432 | Identical bill | Sep 15, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to award grants to eligible institutions to: (1) establish a master's or doctoral degree program in orthotics and prosthetics, or (2) expand upon an existing master's degree program in such area. Requires a grant priority for institutions in partnership with a medical center administered by the VA or a facility administered by the Department of Defense (DOD). Provides grant amounts of at least \$1 million and up to \$1.5 million. Defines as eligible institutions those either accredited by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education or demonstrating an ability to meet such accreditation requirements if receiving a grant.

Requires the Secretary to award a grant to an institution with orthotic and prosthetic research and education experience to: (1) establish the Center of Excellence in Orthotic and Prosthetic Education; and (2) improve orthotic and prosthetic outcomes for veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and civilians by conducting orthotic and prosthetic-based research.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 9, 2013:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-203.
- **Mar 11, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 11, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1597-1598)