

## S 1085

### Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2015

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 23, 2015
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 23, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 23, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 23, 2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 23, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 28, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 20, 2015
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 21, 2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2015
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 9, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2015
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 30, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 30, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 4, 2015
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Aug 4, 2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 8, 2015
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 22, 2016
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 27, 2016
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 27, 2016
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 15, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 24, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6062	Related bill	Oct 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 HR 1969	Related bill	Aug 13, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

### Summary (as of Apr 23, 2015)

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#### **Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2015**

Expands eligibility for the family caregiver program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to include members of the Armed Forces or veterans who are seriously injured or who became ill on active duty prior to September 11, 2001 (currently, limited to service after September 11, 2001).

Expands services to caregivers of veterans under such program to include child care services, financial planning services, and legal services.

Terminates the support program for caregivers of covered veterans on October 1, 2020, except that any caregiver activities carried out on September 30, 2020, shall be continued on and after October 1, 2020.

Authorizes the transfer of entitlement to post 9/11 education assistance to family members by veterans who are retired for a physical disability or who are seriously injured veterans in need of family caregiver services, without regard to length-of-service requirements.

Authorizes the VA Secretary to pay monthly special compensation to seriously injured or ill veterans in need of personal care services and to their caregivers.

Authorizes flexible work schedules or telework for federal employees who are caregivers of veterans.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to designate a veteran participating in the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers as an adult with a special need for purposes of the lifespan respite care program.

Establishes in the executive branch an interagency working group to review and report on policies relating to the caregivers of veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

Directs the Secretary to provide for studies on members of the Armed Forces who commenced service after September 11, 2001, and veterans who have incurred a serious injury or illness, including a mental health injury, and their caregivers.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-186.
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.