

## S 1605

### M-CORE Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 18, 2015
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jun 18, 2015
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 18, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 15, 2016
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 26, 2016
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 6, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 28, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2571	Related bill	May 22, 2015: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## **Millennium Compacts for Regional Economic Integration Act or the M-CORE Act**

(Sec. 3) This bill amends the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to provide that a country that is eligible for assistance under such Act and the United States may enter into and have in effect at the same time not more than one additional compact if:

- one or both of the compacts are or will be for purposes of regional economic integration, increased regional trade, or cross-border collaborations; and
- the country is making considerable and demonstrable progress in implementing the terms of any existing compacts.

(Sec. 4) The bill provides that a country qualifying for candidate status as an eligible country with a per capita income that changes in the fiscal year such that the country would be reclassified from a low income country to a lower middle income country, or from a lower middle income country to a low income country, shall retain its candidacy status in its former income classification for such fiscal year and the two subsequent fiscal years.

(Sec. 5) A member of the corporation's board who is not a federal officer may continue to serve in each initial or additional appointment for up to one year until his or her successor is appointed.

(Sec. 6) The board, after entering into a compact, shall publish in the Federal Register a notice that the compact's summary and text are available on the corporation's Internet website and provide the website's address. (The board is currently required to publish a compact's summary and text in the Federal Register and on the corporation's Internet website.)

(Sec. 7) The bill prohibits assistance for a country that does not qualify as a candidate country for the fiscal year when such assistance is provided. (A candidate country is a country that: (1) satisfies specified low income- and assistance-related requirements; and (2) demonstrates a significant commitment to, but fails to meet, specified political, economic, and social criteria.)

(Sec. 8) Before the board selects an eligible country for a compact, the corporation shall provide the board with information on the country's treatment of civil society.

(Sec. 9) The corporation shall submit a study within 180 days assessing the feasibility of developing partnerships at the subnational level within candidate countries that would be complementary to and concurrent with national or regional investments.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 28, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 28, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 534.
- **Jun 23, 2016:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 18, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4836-4837)