

## HR 1969

Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

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

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 24, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 22, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6062	Related bill	<b>Oct 19, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 S 1085	Related bill	<b>Jun 24, 2015:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-186.

## **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. Excludes from gross income, for income tax purposes, such compensation paid to injured or ill veterans.

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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- **Aug 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **May 11, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 24, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, 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.

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