

## S 2120

Veterans Justice Outreach Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Oct 1, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Oct 1, 2015
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 1, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 1, 2015
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Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 1, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Oct 1, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 1, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 1, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 6, 2015
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Apr 26, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 1, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Veterans Justice Outreach Act of 2015**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out a program to support veterans in contact with the criminal justice system by discouraging unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and other nonviolent crimes.

The program shall be carried out in partnership with local law enforcement, judicial, and community-based treatment and legal assistance organizations.

The VA shall establish coordinators to provide program outreach.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 1, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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