

## S 2922

### Enhanced Veteran Healthcare Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** May 11, 2016

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (May 11, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3879	Related bill	Nov 6, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Enhanced Veteran Healthcare Act of 2016**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to seek to enter into covered partnerships and contracts for the mutually beneficial coordination, use, or exchange of covered VA health-care resources with eligible academic affiliates in order to improve access to, and quality of, VA hospital care and medical services.

The VA shall use non-competitive procedures in the case of a partnership or contract for:

- coordination, use, or exchange of a clinical service;
- use of medical equipment or space;
- research;
- construction or lease of clinical space;
- use of any full-time equivalent VA employee or contractor; or
- use of any full-time equivalent employee jointly hired by the VA and an eligible academic affiliate.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 11, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
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