

## S 901

Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Apr 7, 2016
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2016
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 18, 2016
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 9, 2016
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jun 29, 2016

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5286	Related bill	<b>Jun 9, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 HR 1769	Identical bill	<b>May 24, 2016:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 460.

## Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015

Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to select a VA medical center to serve as the national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the biological children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces that are related to such exposure.

Requires: (1) the Department of Defense (DOD) or the head of a federal agency to make available to the VA for review records held by DOD, an Armed Force, or that federal agency that might assist the VA in making determinations regarding individuals and descendants afflicted with a health condition as a result of such exposure; (2) the VA and DOD or such agency head to jointly establish a mechanism for the availability and review of records by the VA; and (3) the national center to employ at least one licensed clinical social worker to coordinate access of individuals to appropriate social and health care programs and to handle case management.

Establishes an Advisory Board to oversee and assess the national center and to advise the VA regarding the center's work.

Directs DOD to declassify documents (other than documents that would materially and immediately threaten national security) related to any known incident in which at least 100 members of the Armed Forces were exposed to a toxic substance that resulted in at least one case of an associated disability.

Directs the VA to conduct a national outreach and education campaign directed toward members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their family members to communicate information on: (1) incidents of exposure of members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances, health conditions resulting from such exposure, and the potential long-term effects; and (2) the national center. Requires DOD and the Department of Health and Human Services to assist the VA in implementing such campaign.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-186.
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.