

S 2379

Military Spouse Employment Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2018
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 14, 2018
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 21, 2018
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 21, 2018
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 22, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Feb 14, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5125	Identical bill	Feb 28, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
115 HR 3319	Related bill	Aug 21, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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This bill expands authorities, programs, services, and benefits for military spouses and their families. Specifically, the bill:

- expands the authority for noncompetitive appointments of military spouses by federal agencies to include spouses of active duty military personnel or disabled or deceased personnel,
- requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to ensure that military spouses are aware of the My Career Advancement Account program and their eligibility to participate in it,
- facilitates child care services for military families,
- expands the period of availability of the Military OneSource Program for retired and discharged members of the Armed Forces and their immediate families, and
- provides transition assistance for military spouses.

DOD must report to Congress on:

- methods to increase its participation in defense contracts that provide employment for military spouses;
- public-private partnerships to support and enhance the health, safety, welfare, and morale of military families;
- small businesses activities of military spouses on military installations; and
- an assessment of the effects of frequent changes of duty stations on employment stability of military spouses.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2018:** Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel. Hearings held.
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1247-1248)