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WINGMAN Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 30, 2017

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jan 30, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 30, 2017
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 30, 2017
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Jan 30, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 30, 2017
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 30, 2017
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 30, 2017
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Feb 16, 2017
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 28, 2017
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 6, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 13, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 8, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 30, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 512	Identical bill	Feb 14, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2017)

Working to Integrate Networks Guaranteeing Member Access Now Act or the WINGMAN Act

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide each veteran who submits a claim for VA benefits with an opportunity to permit a covered congressional employee in the office of the veteran's Member of Congress to have read-only access to all of the veteran's records in the Veterans Benefits Administration databases. A Member may designate up to two such covered congressional employees.

A covered congressional employee may not be recognized as an agent or attorney with respect to veterans' benefit claims.

Funds under this bill may not be used to design or administer any training for covered congressional employees.

The bill makes funds available for FY2018 through FY2021 for such congressional employee access program.

Actions Timeline

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