

S 766

A bill to amend titles 10 and 32, United States Code, to improve and enhance authorities relating to the employment, use, status, and benefits of military technicians (dual status), and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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Party: Independent • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 4, 2017
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Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 1, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 1, 2017
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 2, 2017
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		May 3, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		May 16, 2017
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		May 22, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 5, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 29, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1777	Identical bill	Apr 12, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Summary (as of Mar 29, 2017)

This bill revises provisions concerning military technicians (dual status), including by: (1) transferring authority to issue regulations regarding the employment, use, and status of such technicians from the Departments of the Army and the Air Force to the Department of Defense (DOD); and (2) requiring that such individuals be outside the competitive service and be appointed and administered by an adjutant general.

An individual who becomes employed as such a technician while already a member of a reserve component of the armed forces shall not have to repay any enlistment, reenlistment, or affiliation bonus provided before such employment.

The bill: (1) makes such technicians eligible for TRICARE, and (2) sets forth FY2018 end strengths for the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 is amended to reduce from 20% to 4.8% the percentage of technician positions filled in administration, clerical, finance, and office service occupations as of October 1, 2017, that DOD must convert to civilian positions.

A governor or the commanding general of the District of Columbia National Guard may order a member of the National Guard to perform active Guard and Reserve duty in support of state missions.

The bill modifies personnel management authorities of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, including by requiring adjutants general to exercise the Chief's authority to employ, administer, and assign certain persons within their jurisdictions.

Actions Timeline

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