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Military Justice Improvement Act of 2019

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Military Justice Improvement Act of 2019

This bill modifies the process for convening courts-martial for sexual assault cases and certain other offenses.

For example, the bill authorizes independent military prosecutors to decide whether to convene courts-martial for (1) sexual assault cases and other specified crimes punishable by confinement of more than one year; and (2) other specified offenses, such as retaliation for reporting a crime, regardless of the maximum punishment authorized for the offenses. Under current law, the military's chain of command generally has sole decisionmaking authority as to whether to prosecute such cases.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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