

HR 2629

CARE for Reservists Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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| Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19] | D · CA | | Nov 18, 2019 |
| Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17] | D · PA | | Feb 5, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | May 29, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 S 711 | Identical bill | Sep 15, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 538. |
| 116 S 4049 | Related bill | Aug 7, 2020: Held at the desk. |

Summary (as of May 9, 2019)

Care And Readiness Enhancement for Reservists Act of 2019 or the CARE for Reservists Act of 2019

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide counseling without referral to any member of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who has a behavioral health condition or psychological trauma. Such counseling may include a comprehensive individual assessment, and outpatient services shall also be available.

The bill authorizes the VA to furnish mental health services to reservists.

The bill also expands specified VA programs to include reservists for the provision of (1) comprehensive suicide prevention, and (2) mental health treatment for veterans who served in classified missions.

Actions Timeline

- **May 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.