

## S 2991

### Veteran Overmedication and Suicide Prevention Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Dec 5, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Dec 5, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Dec 5, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 14, 2020
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jan 28, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 5, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 785	Related bill	<b>Oct 17, 2020:</b> Became Public Law No: 116-171.
116 HR 100	Identical bill	<b>Apr 30, 2019:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.

## **Veteran Overmedication and Suicide Prevention Act of 2019**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to contract with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to report on the deaths of covered veterans who died by suicide during the last five years, regardless of whether information relating to such deaths has been reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A covered veteran is any veteran who received VA hospital care or medical services during the five-year period preceding the veteran's death.

Among other elements, the report shall include the total number of covered veterans who died by suicide, violent death, or accidental death, as well as certain demographic information.

## **Actions Timeline**

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