

## S 3128

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the Chaplain Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Dec 19, 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 19, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3128>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Dec 19, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 19, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5890	Identical bill	Feb 13, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### Summary (as of Dec 19, 2019)

This bill reorganizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Chaplain Service, allows chaplains to provide clinical services, and prohibits the VA from requiring chaplains to perform any rite, ritual, or ceremony that is contrary to their conscience, moral principles, or religious beliefs.

### Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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