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Veterans Posttraumatic Growth Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 543. (Sep 15, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 28, 2020
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Aug 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1997	Identical bill	Apr 29, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Veterans Posttraumatic Growth Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a two-year pilot program to study the effectiveness of nonprofit post-traumatic growth programs to determine (1) the outcomes of such programs in contrast to traditional models of mental health care, (2) the possible integration of such nonprofit programs into VA mental health care programs, and (3) the budgetary impact of such integration. Post-traumatic growth is the positive psychological change that can result from struggling with traumatic events.

The bill makes veterans who are not at immediate risk of attempting suicide and not participating in traditional mental health treatment eligible for such program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Moran with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 543.
- **Aug 5, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 28, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 28, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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