

HR 5738

To direct the Secretary of Defense to implement a safe-to-report policy applicable across the Armed Forces.

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. (Jan 30, 2020)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2500	Related bill	Aug 11, 2020: Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512.
116 S 1790	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2020)

This bill requires the Department of Defense to establish a safe-to-report policy for (1) members of the Armed Forces, including members of reserve components but excluding the Coast Guard; and (2) cadets and midshipmen at the military service academies.

The policy must allow an alleged victim of sexual assault to report the assault without fear or receipt of discipline, absent aggravating circumstances, for minor collateral misconduct.

Actions Timeline

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