

HR 6489

To improve military family readiness.

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6395	Related bill	Jan 2, 2021: Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2020)

This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to address military family readiness and resiliency.

Specifically, DOD must

- establish and implement a strategy regarding communication with military families;
- develop an Exceptional Family Member Program case-management model;
- if feasible, provide child care to service members or DOD employees working on rotating shifts at military installations;
- develop a policy and tracking mechanism for monitoring and prohibiting the overprescribing of opioids;
- conduct a pilot program to recruit military spouses into paid internships; and
- comply with various requirements for studies and reports.

The Government Accountability Office must report on disputes between military families and schools.

Actions Timeline

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