

## HR 8212

### ECHO Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Sep 11, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sep 11, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cunningham, Joe [D-SC-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 11, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 785	Related bill	Oct 17, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-171.

### Summary (as of Sep 11, 2020)

### VA Expanded Care Hours Act or the ECHO Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a study on the attitudes of veterans and Veterans Health Administration staff toward the VA offering appointments outside the usual operating hours of VA facilities, including via telehealth appointments. The VA must also study the feasibility and advisability of offering appointments outside the usual operating hours.

### Actions Timeline

- **Sep 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
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