

## HR 8559

### Surviving Families Benefit Expansion Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Oct 9, 2020)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]

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

## Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Oct 30, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 9, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4594	Related bill	Sep 16, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 6933	Related bill	Jun 16, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

## **Surviving Families Benefit Expansion Act**

This bill adjusts the amount that the Department of Veterans Affairs pays to surviving spouses and children of veterans who were rated as totally disabled for a period of less than 10 years before their death.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the furnishing of dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses who remarry after the age of 55.

## **Actions Timeline**

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