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Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2019

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Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 8, 2019
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 12, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 26, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jul 10, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 28, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 10, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 3, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 716	Related bill	Feb 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
116 S 91	Related bill	Jan 10, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Apr 2, 2019)

Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2019

This bill expands programs, and revises policies, related to veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Currently, grant recipients under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) comprehensive service program for homeless veterans receive per diem payments for services furnished to homeless veterans. The bill provides that furnishing care for a dependent in the care of a homeless veteran (who is receiving services from a grant recipient) may count as a service for which grant recipients may receive per diem payments.

The bill requires the VA to enter into partnerships with public or private entities to fund a portion of the legal services such entities provide to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, including legal services related to housing, family law, criminal defense, and income support.

Under the bill, veterans who are receiving assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher Program are eligible for specified VA dental care.

The bill repeals the sunset on the authority of the VA and the Department of Labor to carry out a program of referral and counseling for veterans who are at risk of homelessness and are transitioning from certain institutions (e.g., penal institutions).

The bill also extends authorization through FY2020 for the VA to provide financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing.

The Government Accountability Office must complete a study of VA assistance to homeless veterans.

Finally, the bill repeals an annual reporting requirement related to VA assistance to homeless veterans.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2019:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-179.
- **Apr 2, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 2, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.