

S 1031

A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Law: 117-66 (Enacted Nov 30, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1031>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 18, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 22, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 22, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 22, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 27, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 28, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Aug 6, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3856	Related bill	Sep 7, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

This bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study to assess whether there are disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to (1) compensation benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), (2) disability ratings determined by the VA, and (3) the rejection of fully developed claims for VA benefits. The GAO must also develop recommendations to facilitate better data collection on such disparities associated with race and ethnicity.

Within one year, the GAO must brief Congress on the initial results of the study. The GAO must also submit a final report on the study following the briefing.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 30, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-66.
- **Nov 19, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 15, 2021:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 15, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6251-6252)
- **Nov 15, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1031.
- **Nov 15, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
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- **Nov 15, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 9, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5990)
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- **Aug 6, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S5990)
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- **May 26, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.