

## S 2088

Brandon Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jun 16, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (Jun 16, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2088>

### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Armed Services Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 16, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 117 HR 3942 | Related bill | <b>Jun 16, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. |

## **Brandon Act**

This bill modifies the regulatory requirement for referrals by commanding officers and supervisors of members of the Armed Forces for mental health evaluations. Specifically, the regulations must (1) establish a phrase that enables the member to trigger a referral for a mental health evaluation, (2) require a commanding officer or supervisor to make such referrals as soon as practicable following disclosure by the member of the established phrase, and (3) ensure that the process protects the confidentiality of the member.

## **Actions Timeline**

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