

S 2376

Candidates Afforded Dignity, Equality and Training (CADET) Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (Jul 15, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 15, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 4, 2021
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Oct 4, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Oct 6, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 18, 2021
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Nov 18, 2021
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Dec 9, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4883	Identical bill	Jul 30, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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This bill requires the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Transportation to prescribe regulations ensuring that the parental guardianship rights of cadets and midshipmen attending military service academies are protected consistent with individual and academic responsibilities.

Cadets and midshipmen with dependents must establish a family care plan with appropriate academy leadership.

Pregnant cadets and midshipmen must be provided with, at minimum, the options to (1) take leave from the military service academy for up to one year, (2) fully release from the military service academy and any related obligations, and (3) enlist in active-duty service.

Males fathering a child while enrolled at a military service academy must not be required to give up parental rights and must not acquire any benefits or leave considerations as a result of fathering a child, with certain exceptions (e.g., leave to attend the birth).

Actions Timeline

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