

S 2405

Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 21, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 28, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 7, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Dec 6, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2022
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 7, 2022
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 19, 2022
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Dec 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Nov 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4601	Identical bill	Dec 5, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide grants to states to implement programs that improve outreach and assistance to veterans and their families to ensure that such individuals are fully informed about veterans' benefits and programs.

Specifically, the VA may provide grants to states to (1) implement or enhance outreach activities or activities to assist in the development and submittal of claims for veterans, or (2) increase the number of county or tribal veterans service officers in the state.

The VA must prioritize awarding grants in areas with a critical shortage of county or tribal veterans service officers, areas with high rates of suicide among veterans, and areas with high rates of referrals to the Veterans Crisis Line.

Actions Timeline

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