

## S 2687

### Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Aug 10, 2021

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 117-136.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-136. (Jun 7, 2022)

**Law:** 117-136 (Enacted Jun 7, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2687>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Aug 10, 2021
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Aug 10, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 10, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2428	Identical bill	<b>Apr 6, 2022:</b> Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

## Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021

This bill gives the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) the authority to subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses as necessary to carry out the duties of the office. Such authority terminates on May 31, 2025, but subpoenas issued prior to that date shall be unaffected by the termination.

The bill prohibits the VA OIG from subpoenaing the attendance and testimony of current federal employees or witnesses as part of any criminal proceeding.

Under the bill, the VA OIG must notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the intended witness of the intent to issue a subpoena. If DOJ objects to the subpoena because it will interfere with an ongoing investigation, the VA OIG may not issue the subpoena.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 7, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-136.
- **Jun 6, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **May 17, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5083-5084)
- **May 17, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 6 (Roll no. 204).
- **May 17, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 6 (Roll no. 204). (text: 05/16/2022 CR H4999)
- **May 17, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 16, 2022:** Mr. Trone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 16, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4999-5000)
- **May 16, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2687.
- **May 16, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 11, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 11, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Apr 8, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2078-2079)
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S2079)
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S2079)
- **Mar 10, 2022:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Tester without amendment. Without written report.
- **Mar 10, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 304.
- **Dec 15, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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