

HR 2778

Daniel J. Harvey Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act

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Sponsor

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Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		May 20, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Aug 17, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Oct 26, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 22, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2021
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1296	Identical bill	Nov 17, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to jointly implement a five-year pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing specified counseling and services as part of the Transition Assistance Program for members of the Armed Forces as a means of reducing the incidence of suicide among veterans.

Specifically, the pilot program would involve a three-hour counseling module and the provision of contact information for a counseling or similar facility in the locality where the veteran intends to reside. Additionally, the participating veterans must submit medical records in connection with their service in the Armed Forces, regardless of whether they intend to file a claim for benefits for a service-connected disability.

Under the program, a social worker or behavioral health coordinator from the VA must contact the veteran within 90 days after the member is discharged or released from service to schedule a follow-up appointment.

At least 10 DOD Transition Assistance Centers must be jointly selected to carry out the pilot program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.