

## S 2786

Unlawful Turn-Aways Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Sep 21, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sep 21, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2786>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 21, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 8, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5321	Identical bill	<b>Sep 30, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

### Summary (as of Sep 21, 2021)

#### Unlawful Turn-Aways Act of 2021

This bill addresses training for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employees regarding discharge eligibility standards for VA benefits and services, requires notification of eligibility for VA benefits and services for individuals who were discharged or released from active service under conditions characterized as neither honorable nor dishonorable, and modifies the requirements of eligibility for certain mental and behavioral health care related to military sexual trauma, readjustment counseling, and related mental health services.

## Actions Timeline

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