

S 3021

COMFORT Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (Oct 20, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Oct 20, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 14, 2022
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 14, 2022
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 14, 2022
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 14, 2022
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 14, 2022
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 27, 2022
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 6, 2022
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 6, 2022
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 6, 2022
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 6, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 20, 2022
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 27, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5758	Related bill	Oct 27, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Summary (as of Oct 20, 2021)

Comforting Our Military Families through On-base or Remote Treatment Act of 2021 or the COMFORT Act of 2021

This bill authorizes the Office of Military Family Readiness Policy within the Department of Defense (DOD) to coordinate programs and activities for the provision of nonmedical counseling services to military families through the DOD Military and Family Life Counseling Program. Under the bill, *nonmedical counseling services* means mental health care services that are nonclinical, short-term, and solution-focused to address topics related to personal growth, development, and positive functioning.

The bill authorizes mental health professionals to provide non-medical counseling services regardless of where the provider or recipient is located so long as the provision of service is within the scope of the authorized duties of the provider. For purposes of the bill, *mental health professionals* include licensed or certified mental health professionals or members of the uniformed services, civilian DOD employees, or DOD contractors.

Actions Timeline

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