

## S 3161

Onward to Opportunity Act

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 30, 2021
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### Committee Activity

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Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 3, 2021

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### Related Bills

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117 HR 4769	Related bill	<b>Jul 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

## **Onward to Opportunity Act**

This bill requires the Department of Defense to implement a pilot program to provide grants for eligible entities to supplement the Transition Assistance Program by providing job opportunities for industry-recognized certifications, job placement assistance, and related employment services.

Eligible entities are those that (1) follow a job training and placement model; (2) have a well-developed and rigorous practice of program measurement and evaluation; (3) have established partnerships with entities to provide the necessary services; and (4) have online training capability to reach rural veterans, reduce costs, and comply with new conditions forced by COVID-19.

The program must be implemented at five military installations in the United States with successful economic opportunity program models.

## **Actions Timeline**

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