

## S 3368

VITAL Assessment 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 Veterans' Affairs. (text: CR S9096-9097)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text: CR S9096-9097) (Dec 9, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Dec 9, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 117 HR 6411 | Related bill | <b>Jul 11, 2022:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |
| 117 HR 5516 | Related bill | <b>Nov 17, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

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This bill implements changes related to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) program, which focuses on enhancing student veterans' academic success and retention by assisting with things like mental and physical health.

The VA must report on the program and establish best practices, goals, and measures for the program that are uniform among the VA's medical centers.

The bill also requires the VA to conduct outreach among the Armed Forces, veterans service organizations, institutions of higher learning, and noncollege degree programs regarding the VITAL program.

Additionally, the VA must assess the feasibility and advisability of including the suicide rate for student veterans in the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report.

## **Actions Timeline**

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