

## S 3492

A bill to address the importance of foreign affairs training in national security, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 319. (Apr 4, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Jan 12, 2022
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 22, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 22, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 4, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8012	Related bill	Jun 9, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

This bill makes changes to the Foreign Service Institute and addresses other issues related to training Foreign Service and Department of State Civil Service personnel.

The bill establishes within the institute (1) the Board of Visitors, which shall provide the State Department with advice and recommendations pertaining to the institute; and (2) the position of provost, which shall have duties such as overseeing and coordinating the institute's academic curriculum.

The State Department may establish and implement an incentive program to encourage Foreign Service members with critical foreign language skills to maintain such skills.

The bill also requires the State Department to expand its professional development and training, including by increasing offerings at partner organizations and offering courses using computer-based or computer-assisted simulations.

The Foreign Service must (1) establish new fellowship programs for Foreign Service and Civil Service officers that include opportunities in certain organizations, such as think tanks and industry entities; and (2) report to Congress on how to expand certain existing fellowship programs to allow fellows in those programs to undertake follow-on State Department opportunities that will benefit from practical knowledge of the people and processes of Congress.

The State Department must report to Congress on (1) offering certain training and professional development opportunities to congressional staff at State Department facilities, (2) a strategy for adapting and evolving training requirements to better meet current and future needs for 21st century diplomacy, and (3) a strategy for broadening and deepening training at the State Department.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 4, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 4, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 319.
- **Mar 23, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 12, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 12, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S190-191)