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Defending Freedom of Conscience for Cadets and Midshipmen Act of 2022

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7890	Identical bill	May 31, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

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This bill provides that a cadet or midshipman at a federal service academy (e.g., the U.S. Naval Academy) may not be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 as a condition for graduation and may not be dismissed from the academy as a result of refusing to be vaccinated.

Cadets and midshipmen who are prohibited from fulfilling their service agreement due to their refusal to receive a COVID-19 vaccination may not be subjected to repayment provisions (e.g., bonus repayment) or specified debt repayment collections.

Actions Timeline

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