

## S 4499

A bill to prohibit any requirement that a member of the National Guard receive a vaccination against COVID-19.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jul 11, 2022

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (Jul 11, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4499>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]       | R · ID        |      | Jul 13, 2022 |
| Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]   | R · ID        |      | Jul 13, 2022 |
| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]      | R · FL        |      | Jul 14, 2022 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]  | R · MS        |      | Jul 14, 2022 |
| Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]       | R · IN        |      | Jul 19, 2022 |
| Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]     | R · MT        |      | Jul 20, 2022 |
| Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]       | R · AR        |      | Jul 21, 2022 |
| Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS] | R · MS        |      | Nov 17, 2022 |
| Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]   | R · KS        |      | Nov 17, 2022 |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]      | R · ND        |      | Nov 30, 2022 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Armed Services Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jul 11, 2022 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

This bill prohibits federal funds from being used to require a member of the National Guard to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. In addition, the Department of Defense is prohibited from taking any adverse action (e.g., punishment) against a member of the National Guard because the member refuses to receive such a vaccination.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 11, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
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