

## S 1203

### Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Apr 19, 2023

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 150.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 150. (Jul 25, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1203>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

## Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Nov 19, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 25, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1273	Related bill	Mar 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2023

This bill reauthorizes the Peace Corps program through FY2028 and requires or authorizes various policies for the Peace Corps program. For example, the bill

- increases the minimum rate for readjustment allowances paid to Peace Corps volunteers upon their return to the United States;
- requires the Peace Corps to establish processes to return volunteers to service after their service has been interrupted by a mandatory evacuation, and to strive to allow evacuated volunteers to return to the country in which they had formerly been assigned (except for Peace Corps missions in China);
- requires the Peace Corps to provide separating volunteers with information on postservice health care options;
- provides statutory authority to an executive order that provides returning volunteers with noncompetitive eligibility for federal employment purposes (i.e., eligibility to be noncompetitively appointed to a competitive federal position);
- requires the Peace Corps to implement a zero-tolerance policy regarding volunteer or trainee involvement with illegal drugs;
- requires the Peace Corps to take all reasonable measures to prevent and address reprisal or retaliation against a volunteer by any person with supervisory authority over the volunteer, such as a Peace Corps officer; and
- authorizes suspension without pay for employees engaged in serious misconduct that could impact the efficiency of the service and could lead to removal for cause.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 25, 2023:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jul 25, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 150.
- **Jul 13, 2023:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 19, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 19, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.