

S 1203

Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]
Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| 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 |
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| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate | Reported By | Jul 25, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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

- **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.