

S 1811

Military Merit, Fairness, and Equality Act of 2023

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Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 11, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 6, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2670	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31.
118 S 2226	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Senate ordered measure printed as passed.

Summary (as of Jun 6, 2023)

Military Merit, Fairness, and Equality Act of 2023

This bill prohibits the Department of Defense (DOD) from directing or otherwise compelling any member of the Armed Forces, military dependent, or civilian DOD employee to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to the tenet that any sex, race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin is inherently superior or inferior.

No organization or institution under DOD authority may provide courses, training, or any other type of instruction that directs, compels, or otherwise suggests that any member of the Armed Forces, military dependent, or civilian DOD employee should affirm, adopt, or adhere to the tenet that any sex, race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin is inherently superior or inferior. Additionally, such organizations or institutions are prohibited from making a distinction or classification of members of the Armed Forces, military dependents, or civilian DOD employees based on race, ethnicity, or national origin.

All DOD personnel actions must be based exclusively on individual merit and demonstrated performance.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 6, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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