

## S 2465

### DOULA for VA Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jul 25, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Jul 25, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2465>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 10, 2024
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 18, 2024
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 12, 2024
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 11, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6331	Identical bill	Nov 27, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access for Veterans Affairs Act of 2023 or the DOULA for VA Act of 2023**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a five-year pilot program to furnish doula services to pregnant veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system. The program must furnish doula services through eligible entities by expanding the VA's Whole Health model to measure the impact that doula support services have on birth and mental health outcomes of pregnant veterans. The Whole Health model is a holistic approach that looks at the many areas of life that may affect health in order to make a health plan suited for each individual based on his or her health goals.

### **Actions Timeline**

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