

S 349

Military Spouse Employment Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Feb 9, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Jun 27, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]

Party: Republican • State: OK • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Feb 9, 2023
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Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 28, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 14, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 14, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 4, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

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.

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This bill allows executive agencies to appoint military spouses to remote work positions. (The current appointment authority does not specifically extend to remote positions.)

The bill defines *remote work* as a particular type of telework that does not require an employee to report to an official agency location on a regular and recurring basis.

Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must report on the general use of remote work by agencies, including the number and location of employees working remotely and the effects on recruitment, retention, and office space utilization and spending.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 27, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 26, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2251; text: CR S2252)
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2251; text: CR S2252)
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment. With written report No. 118-14.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 38.
- **Mar 29, 2023:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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