

HR 3581

COPE Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: May 22, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Dec 5, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3581>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kiggans, Jennifer A [R-VA-2]

Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		May 30, 2023
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jul 25, 2023
Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Aug 4, 2023
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Sep 26, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Oct 11, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 18, 2023
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 5, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8371	Related bill	Nov 19, 2024: Received in the Senate.
118 HR 2683	Related bill	Jul 18, 2023: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
118 S 216	Related bill	Feb 16, 2023: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Caregiver Outreach and Program Enhancement Act or the COPE Act

This bill addresses various Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) issues, including the family caregiver program and VA facility security.

Specifically, the bill authorizes the VA to award grants to implement, coordinate, improve, or enhance mental health counseling, treatment, or support for family caregivers of veterans participating in the family caregiver program.

The bill also authorizes the VA to make contributions to local authorities to mitigate the risk of flooding on local property adjacent to VA medical facilities.

Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must report on the provision of mental health support to caregivers of veterans.

The bill also requires the VA to annually survey its police chiefs, facility emergency management leaders, facility directors, or individuals acting in such a capacity to collect information regarding security at VA facilities.

Finally, the bill extends certain loan fee rates through March 12, 2032, under the VA's home loan program.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Dec 4, 2023:** Mr. Bergman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 4, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6103-6105)
- **Dec 4, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3581.
- **Dec 4, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6103-6104)
- **Dec 4, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6103-6104)
- **Dec 4, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 118-251.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 201.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 18, 2023:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 18, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Jun 19, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 22, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.