

HR 3671

HERO Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2023
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4274	Related bill	Jun 23, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 1925	Related bill	Jun 12, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of May 25, 2023)

Helping Emergency Responders Overcome Act or the HERO Act

This bill establishes and authorizes a series of programs relating to the behavioral health of law enforcement officers, first responders, 9-1-1 operators, and other public safety officers and health care providers.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must develop best practices for identifying, preventing, and treating post-traumatic stress and co-occurring disorders in public safety officers. HHS must work with the Fire Administration (a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and other federal agencies to incorporate the best practices into education and training programs for public safety officers.

In addition, the Fire Administration must develop resources to educate mental health professionals about the workplace stressors and evidence-based therapies to treat mental health issues common to firefighters and emergency medical services (EMS) providers.

The bill also permits HHS to establish (1) a system at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for reporting suicides of public safety officers, and (2) grant programs to support behavioral health and wellness programs for fire departments, EMS agencies, and health care providers.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.