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Caring for Survivors Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 14, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 29, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 1, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 1, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 17, 2023
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 6, 2023
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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 20, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 10, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 10, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 26, 2023
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 27, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 27, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 11, 2023
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 3, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 4, 2023
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 9, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Dec 4, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 18, 2024
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 13, 2024
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 13, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1083	Identical bill	Apr 16, 2024: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2023)

Caring for Survivors Act of 2023

This bill increases the monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Dependency and indemnity compensation is a monthly payment made to eligible survivors (i.e., spouses, parents, or children) of (1) certain veterans who died as a result of a service-connected condition; (2) service members killed while on active military duty or active or inactive duty for training; or (3) veterans who did not die from a service-connected condition, but were totally disabled by a service-connected disability for a certain period of time.

The bill also (1) reduces, from 10 years to 5 years, the period of time that certain veterans must have been rated totally disabled due to a service-connected disability in order for a survivor to qualify for benefits; and (2) specifies the amount that is payable to survivors of veterans who were rated totally disabled for a period of less than 10 years before their death.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 26, 2023:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-160.
- **Feb 14, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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