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COMFORT Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 26, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 18, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2670	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31.
118 HR 3267	Related bill	May 11, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Comforting Our Military Families through On-base or Remote Treatment Act or the COMFORT Act

This bill authorizes mental health professionals to provide nonmedical counseling services to military families regardless of where the provider or recipient is located, so long as the provision of services is (1) in the United States or a U.S. territory or possession, and (2) within the scope of the authorized duties of the provider.

For purposes of the bill, mental health professionals include individuals who are licensed or certified mental health providers and are members of the uniformed services, civilian Department of Defense (DOD) employees, or DOD contractors.

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