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Supporting Americans Wrongfully or Unlawfully Detained Abroad Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Oct 25, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2670	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31.
118 HR 6669	Related bill	Dec 7, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
118 S 2226	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Senate ordered measure printed as passed.

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This bill authorizes travel assistance and mental health support to U.S. nationals wrongfully or unlawfully detained abroad and to certain family members of such individuals.

For wrongfully or unlawfully detained U.S. nationals, the bill authorizes the Department of State to provide compensation and assistance if needed for return travel to the United States after their release. The bill also authorizes mental health support for such individuals and certain family members of such individuals.

For certain family members or representatives of such detained individuals, the State Department must provide financial assistance to cover travel and lodging expenses for meeting with the U.S. government if (1) such financial assistance is requested, and (2) the family members or representatives live more than 50 miles from Washington, DC.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 9, 2023:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez without amendment. Without written report.
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 27.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.