

## S 596

### Military Spouse Hiring Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Taxation

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S570) (Mar 1, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/596>

### Sponsor

**Name:** [Sen. Kaine, Tim \[D-VA\]](#)

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

## Cosponsors (49 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 17, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 17, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 17, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 17, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 17, 2023
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Apr 18, 2023
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 19, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 25, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 25, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Apr 25, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 27, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		May 3, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		May 9, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 30, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 30, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 18, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 18, 2023
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 20, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 5, 2023
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 12, 2023

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 12, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 12, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 13, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 13, 2023
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 18, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 18, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 17, 2024
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 17, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 1, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Taxation

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1277	Identical bill	Mar 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## Summary (as of Mar 1, 2023)

### Military Spouse Hiring Act

This bill expands the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) to include the hiring of a qualified military spouse. (The WOTC permits employers who hire individuals who are members of a targeted group such as qualified veterans, ex-felons, or long-term unemployment recipients to claim a tax credit equal to a portion of the wages paid to those individuals.)

A *qualified military spouse* is any individual who is certified by the designated local agency as being (as of the hiring date) a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces.

## Actions Timeline

- Mar 1, 2023: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 1, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S570)