

## S 701

### Helping Heroes Act

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 25, 2025
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 8, 2025
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 3, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 2077	Identical bill	Mar 31, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish the Veteran Family Resource Program to address social determinants of health challenges experienced in veterans' family units and ensure veterans and their families have access to services and resources to support wellness within the family units.

In implementing the program, the VA must (1) appoint at least one family coordinator in each Veterans Integrated Service Network (regional VA health care administrative areas), and (2) ensure adequate staffing and resources to ensure family coordinators are able to carry out their duties and functions. Under the bill, a family coordinator's function is generally to serve at a VA medical center as a point person regarding VA and community resources for veterans, their families, and caregivers and survivors of veterans.

The VA may expand the program to additional medical centers as appropriate.

Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this bill, and not less frequently than once every five years after, the VA must survey disabled veterans and their families to identify and better understand their needs.

## Actions Timeline

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