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Bill Number	Author	Description	Recommended Position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support - sent letter of support;</li> <li>• Watch – Monitoring for amendments;</li> <li>• Oppose – sent letter of opposition</li> </ul>	Status
<a href="#">H.R. 148</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ-1)</a>	<b>Jobs and Childcare for Military Families Act of 2021</b> - This bill allows an employer a work opportunity tax credit for hiring the spouse or domestic partner of a member of the Armed Forces and requires the creation of programs for service members to pay for childcare on a pretax basis. The Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security (with respect to the Coast Guard) must implement flexible spending arrangements that permit members of the Armed Forces to use basic pay and compensation to pay on a pretax basis for dependent childcare.		1/04/2021 - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services
<a href="#">S. 1571</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL-8)</a>	<b>Servicemember Parental Leave Equity Act -</b> The bill increases parental leave for primary caregivers to 18 weeks (currently 12) following the birth of a child and to 12 weeks (currently 6) following the adoption of a child. The bill increases parental leave for a secondary caregiver from 21 days to 12 weeks in connection with the birth or adoption of a child. Primary or secondary caregivers of a long-term foster child are authorized to take up to 12 weeks of leave in connection with such placement. Parental leave for a primary or secondary caregiver for a birth, adoption, or foster child placement may be taken in more than one increment. For primary caregivers, the leave must be utilized within one year of the event. The bill authorizes up to 12 weeks of leave to certain service members who would have been secondary caregivers but for a miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. The following activities required of an active-duty member within a 12-month postpartum period must have the approval of		5/11/2021 - Introduced in the Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.



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		a health care provider and be at the election of the member or in the interest of national security: (1) an order of temporary duty overnight travel or to participate in physically demanding field training exercises, (2) meeting of body composition standards, or (3) passing a physical fitness test. The bill also reduces the service commitment required for participation in the Career Intermission Program.		
<a href="#">H.R. 7900</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9)</a>	<b>National Defense Authorization Act 2023</b>		10/11/2022 - <a href="#">S.Amdt.6442</a> Amendment <a href="#">SA 6442</a> proposed by Senator Reed to Amendment <a href="#">SA 5499</a> . (consideration: CR <a href="#">S6465-6466</a> ; text: CR <a href="#">S6475</a> ) To add an effective date.
<a href="#">H.R.2521</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14)</a>	<b>Doula for VA Act 2021</b> - This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a five-year pilot program to furnish doula services to pregnant veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system. The program must furnish doula services through eligible entities by expanding the VA's Whole Health model to measure the impact that doula support services have on birth and mental health outcomes of pregnant veterans. The Whole Health model is a holistic approach that looks at the many areas of life that may affect health in order to make a health plan suited for each individual based on his or her health goals.		9/21/2022 - Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote. Action By: Committee on Veterans' Affairs
<a href="#">S. 3826</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)</a>	<b>TRICARE Coverage for Doula Support Act</b> - This bill directs the Department of Defense (DOD), in providing maternity care for pregnant members and certain former members of the Armed Forces and their		5/21/2020 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed



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		dependents under the TRICARE program, to provide to such beneficiaries additional resources for prenatal and postnatal communication and education, including doula support. DOD shall conduct a specified survey on members or spouses of such members of the Armed Forces who give birth.		Services. Action By: Senate