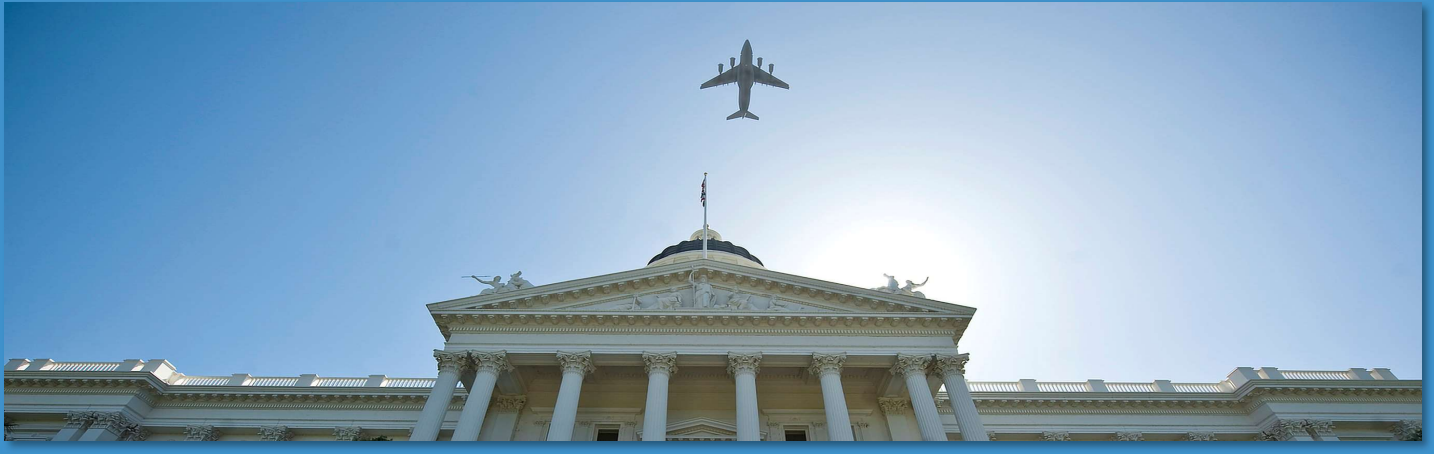


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S.2604

On August 4th, 2021, The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 was introduced to the U.S. Senate. The act states the appropriation is for acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force as currently authorized by law, to remain available until September 30, 2026. Further details are available by clicking on the S.2064 hyperlink above.

H.R. 4975

On August 6th, 2021, The Military PFAS Free Military Purchasing Act was introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives. The act would prohibit the procurement, purchase, and sale by the Department of Defense of certain items containing a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance. Such items would include non-stick cookware or food service ware for use in galleys or dining facilities, food packaging materials, personal care items, sunscreen, cleaning products, and shoes and clothing for which treatment with a perfluoroalkyl substance or poly-fluo-ro-al-kyl substance is not necessary for an essential function. More items are included in the act.

H.R. 5061

On August 20th, 2021, The Mental Health Stigma in the Military Act of 2021 was introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives and the referred to the U.S. House Committee on Armed Services. The described act is to direct the Secretary of Defense carry out a pilot mental health survey program. The Secretary shall ensure that command climate surveys are administered to active-duty members of the Armed Forces of not fewer than 20 commands (10 of which shall be deployable) per military department. The surveys are updated to include questions on access to mental health care under military health systems and if any overall stigma was perceived by the respondent with respect to such care.

Information was provided by United States Congress, Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. Visit: <https://www.congress.gov>, <https://www.ohiosenate.gov>, and <https://ohiohouse.gov>.

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Explanation of terms used for Ohio Senate and House Bills:

Continued – Bill remains in its assigned committee to await further hearings, amendments, etc.

Reported – The committee has voted the bill out of committee and recommends its passage on the House or Senate floor

Referred – A newly introduced bill is assigned to a committee

Introduced – A new bill that has recently been assigned a number

Scheduled but not heard – A bill that was supposed to have a hearing in committee, but was passed over due to sponsor/chair request

Cancelled - Awaiting a new hearing date

Enacted - A bill that has passed both House and Senate and has been signed by the Governor