

H.R. 948, introduced by Rep. Loeb sack (D-IA) to require the provision of behavioral health services to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces necessary to meet pre-deployment and post-deployment readiness and fitness standards.

S.325, "Embedded Mental Health Providers for Reserves Act of 2011," introduced by Senator Murray (D-WA).

These two bills would provide each reserve member performing inactive-duty training during scheduled unit training assemblies' access to mental health assessments with a licensed mental health professional, who shall be available for referrals during duty hours at the principal duty location of the member's unit. Also, giving them access, during such participation, to specified behavioral health support programs, including: (1) suicide prevention and post-suicide response; and (2) psychological health programs. (Source: THOMAS.gov)

This is one of the 'seamless transition' issues that our returning Guard and Reserve troops (Airmen) face upon returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. AFSA feels this is an important issue, as it is aimed to protect Guard & Reserve fitness and readiness.

OKLAHOMA'S LEGISLATURE IS GETTING NATIONAL ATTENTION Senator Steve Russell (R-OK) proposed SB 528 and SB 917, both revolving around military benefits and how much an ex (spouse) or child should be entitled to. These pieces of legislation would allow service members to not have to share their military retirement if they were married less than 10 years and if their spouse remarries. Senator Russell stated that this would protect the members of the military from losing their hard-earned benefits. He also stated, "The experiences that a soldier (Airman) goes through in combat are not shared risks and neither should those payouts be shared".

Some say these bills illustrate that a family member's contribution to his/her spouse's military career is discounted and is worth nothing,"

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Source: Local and National News

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