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# S. 781

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Armed Services in the event of the death of the child.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRUZ, Mr.  
BRAUN, Mr. KING, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the  
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on  
Armed Services

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## A BILL

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members of the Armed Services in the event of the  
death of the child.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Elaine M. Checketts  
5 Military Families Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE UPON**  
7 **DEATH OF CHILD.**

8 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
9 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall amend

1 the regulations prescribed pursuant to subsections (i) and  
2 (j) of section 701 of title 10, United States Code, to pro-  
3 vide that the eligibility of primary and secondary care-  
4 givers for paid parental leave that has already been ap-  
5 proved shall not terminate upon the death of the child for  
6 whom such leave is taken.

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