

**COMMITTEE: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**POLICY: SUPPORTING THE TOXIC EXPOSURE RESEARCH
ACT**

TYPE: DRAFT RESOLUTION

SPONSOR: Rep. Sloan (Kansas)

1 NCSL recognizes the unique challenges faced by members of our military,
2 including members of the states' National Guard, both during deployment
3 and upon their return. For many years and throughout many conflicts,
4 American servicemembers have been exposed to harmful chemicals and
5 other substances – from Agent Orange to mustard gas. While many of the
6 effects of these toxic substances cannot be reversed in those exposed to
7 them directly, the medical and military communities should seek to learn
8 more about the impacts of these substances on the descendants of
9 veterans to prevent the misdiagnosis of symptoms.

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11 For this reason, NCSL supports S. 901/H.R. 1769, the Toxic Exposure
12 Research Act, of the 114th Congress and urges its passage. NCSL

13 commends Senators Jerry Moran (KS) and Rep. Dan Benishek (MI) for
14 their leadership on introducing these companion bills.