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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the organizational structure of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

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Mr. JOYCE of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Reforms to Encourage
5 VA Meaningful Progress Act of 2017” or the “REVAMP
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**
2 **OF VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**
3 **AND REALIGNMENT OF VETERANS INTE-**
4 **GRATED SERVICE NETWORK.**

5 (a) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.—

6 (1) PROCESS.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
7 fairs, acting through the Under Secretary for
8 Health, shall implement a process to consistently
9 evaluate reviews described in paragraph (3).

10 (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The process under
11 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

12 (A) Identification of the officials and the
13 offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs
14 responsible for evaluating and approving, and
15 ensuring the implementation of, recommenda-
16 tions made by reviews described in paragraph
17 (3), including—

18 (i) the roles of each such official and
19 office; and

20 (ii) a description of how decisions are
21 made and documented to approve such im-
22 plementation.

23 (B) A description of how recommendations
24 made by reviews described in paragraph (3)
25 should be evaluated.

1 (C) A description of how timelines should
2 be established to ensure recommendations are
3 evaluated and implemented in a timely manner
4 and metrics to assess the progress made with
5 respect to such implementation.

6 (3) **REVIEWS DESCRIBED.**—The reviews de-
7 scribed in this paragraph are reviews of the organi-
8 zational structure of the Veterans Health Adminis-
9 tration conducted by the Secretary, the Inspector
10 General of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the
11 Comptroller General of the United States, the Com-
12 mission on Care established by section 202 of the
13 Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of
14 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 128 Stat. 1773), or by
15 an independent entity, as determined appropriate by
16 the Secretary.

17 (4) **FIRST USE.**—The Under Secretary shall use
18 the process under paragraph (1) to evaluate the re-
19 sults of the evaluation conducted under subsection
20 (b)(1). The Under Secretary shall make any re-
21 quired improvements to such process based on the
22 lessons learned by the Under Secretary resulting
23 from such use.

24 (b) **VETERANS INTEGRATED SERVICE NETWORK.**—

1 (1) EVALUATION.—Consistent with the report
2 of the Comptroller General of the United States ti-
3 tled “VA Health Care: Processes to Evaluate, Imple-
4 ment, and Monitor Organizational Structure
5 Changes Needed” (GAO–16–803), the Secretary,
6 acting through the Under Secretary for Health, shall
7 conduct an evaluation of the Veterans Integrated
8 Service Network, including with respect to—

9 (A) the implementation by the Secretary of
10 realignments to such Network; and

11 (B) identifying deficiencies to such Net-
12 work that require corrective action.

13 (2) ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.—In
14 accordance with subsection (a)(4), the Under Sec-
15 retary shall use the process implemented under sub-
16 section (a) to assess the results of the evaluation
17 conducted under paragraph (1) and to implement
18 changes and other actions to improve the Veterans
19 Integrated Service Network.

20 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall
22 submit to Congress a report that includes a description
23 of—

24 (1) the process implemented under subsection
25 (a)(1);

1 (2) the deficiencies identified under paragraph
2 (1) of subsection (b); and

3 (3) how the Under Secretary will carry out
4 paragraph (2) of such subsection.

5 (d) PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.—No
6 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to
7 carry out this Act, and this Act shall be carried out using
8 amounts otherwise made available for such purposes.

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