

Union Calendar No. 47

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2359

[Report No. 116-71]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Veterans Affairs advancing of whole health transformation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2019

Mr. LAMB (for himself and Mr. RYAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 17, 2019

Additional sponsor: Mr. FITZPATRICK

MAY 17, 2019

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 25, 2019]

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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 “Whole Veteran Act”.*

5 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

6 **ADVANCING OF WHOLE HEALTH TRANS-**
7 **FORMATION.**

8 *(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*
9 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Af-*
10 *fairs shall submit to Congress a report on the implementa-*
11 *tion of the Department of Veterans Affairs memorandum*
12 *dated February 1, 2019, on the subject of Advancing Whole*
13 *Health Transformation Across Veterans Health Adminis-*
14 *tration.*

15 *(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under subsection*
16 *(a) shall include the following:*

17 *(1) An analysis of the accessibility and avail-*
18 *ability of each of the following services at medical fa-*
19 *cilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (includ-*
20 *ing community based outpatient clinics, vet centers,*
21 *and community living centers):*

22 *(A) Massage.*

23 *(B) Chiropractic services.*

24 *(C) Whole health clinician services.*

25 *(D) Whole health coaching.*

1 (E) Acupuncture.

2 (F) Healing touch.

3 (G) Whole health group services.

4 (H) Guided imagery.

5 (I) Meditation.

6 (J) Hypnosis.

7 (K) Yoga.

8 (L) Tai chi or Qi gong.

9 (M) Equine assisted therapy.

10 (N) Any other service the Secretary deter-
11 mines appropriate.

12 (2) An assessment of the health outcomes derived
13 from the services specified in paragraph (1).

14 (3) An assessment of the resources required to ex-
15 pand such services to the entire Veterans Health Ad-
16 ministration.

17 (4) A plan to provide the services referred to in
18 paragraph (1) to veterans who reside in a geographic
19 area where no community-based outpatient clinic,
20 medical center, Vet Center, or community living cen-
21 ter is located.

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