

HR 216

Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jan 8, 2015
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 26, 2015
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 23, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 23, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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(Sec. 2) Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit annually to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program (Program) reflecting estimated expenditures and proposed appropriations included in the budget for that fiscal year.

Requires the Program to: (1) set forth a five-year VA plan to address the U.S. commitment to veterans and the resources necessary to meet that commitment; (2) be included in VA's annual budget submission to the Congress, starting with the FY2020 budget submission; and (3) be published on a publicly available VA website.

Requires the Secretary, in 2019 and quadrennially thereafter, to conduct a review of the strategy for meeting such commitment and resources requirement (Quadrennial Veterans Review) which shall include a comprehensive examination of U.S. policies and strategies for veterans, including recommendations regarding the long-term strategy and priorities for veterans programs, services, and benefits, and guidance on VA programs, assets, budget, and policies.

Requires each Review to be coordinated with the Program.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) report to Congress regarding each Review, and (2) publish each Review on a public ally available VA website.

Directs the Secretary to establish an Independent Veterans Review Panel for each year in which a Review is conducted which shall review the process by which the review is formulated and submit a related report to Congress.

Directs the Secretary to provide annually to the appropriate VA officials written policy guidance for the preparation and review of the planning and program recommendations and budget proposals of the VA elements of such officials.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary to designate a Chief Strategy Officer to: (1) advise the Secretary on long-range VA strategy and implications, and (2) develop and execute the Program.

(Sec. 4) States that: (1) no additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act, and (2) this Act shall be carried out using funds otherwise available to VA.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Mar 24, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1869-1670)
- **Mar 24, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 420 - 0 (Roll no. 134).(text: CR 3/23/2015 H1822-1824)
- **Mar 24, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 24, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 420 - 0 (Roll no. 134). (text: CR 3/23/2015 H1822-1824)
- **Mar 23, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 114-48.
- **Mar 23, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 31.
- **Mar 23, 2015:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 23, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1822-1824)
- **Mar 23, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 216.
- **Mar 23, 2015:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 27, 2015:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.