

## HR 3169

### VA Acquisition Workforce Improvement and Streamlining Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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## Sponsor

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 10, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 10, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **VA Acquisition Workforce Improvement and Streamlining Act**

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement certain training curricula and certification programs for specified logistics, construction, or facilities management employees of VA or the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The VA may develop: (1) curricula in a manner that provides such training in person, over a website, or by another federal agency; and (2) certification programs in a manner that uses either one level of certification or more than one level as appropriate for different grades of the General Schedule.

The VA shall prioritize the use of acquisition internship programs to hire employees in entry-level, acquisition positions.

The VA shall develop a plan to reduce duplication and increase efficiencies of the VA's acquisition functions in a manner that achieves cost savings necessary to carry out such training, certification, and acquisition internship programs. The VA shall determine whether to: (1) consolidate or abolish certain service area and program contacting activity offices and transfer their functions to certain other VA or VHA facilities; and (2) consolidate specified functions of the VA's Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction and the VHA's Procurement and Logistics Office into one such office.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 10, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 10, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.