

## HR 4173

Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Oct 31, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Nov 9, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4173>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Hollingsworth, Trey [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Oct 31, 2017
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Nov 1, 2017
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Nov 3, 2017
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Nov 3, 2017
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Nov 7, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 7, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 9, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2174	Related bill	<b>Nov 30, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## Summary (as of Nov 8, 2017)

### Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) conduct a study on the outcomes and the efficacy of the toll-free Veterans Crisis Line during the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014, based on an analysis of national suicide data and data collected from the line, and (2) submit such study to Congress by May 31, 2019.

Such study shall address: (1) the efficacy of the line in leading veterans to sustained mental health regimens and suicide prevention; (2) the line's visibility; (3) the role of the line as part of the VA's mental health care services; (4) whether receiving sustained mental health care affects suicidality and whether veterans previously receiving VA mental health care use the line in times of crisis; (5) the line's effectiveness in assisting veterans at risk for suicide when it is contacted by a non-veteran; (6) the line's overall efficacy in preventing suicides and whether the number of contacts affects such efficacy; (7) the line's long-term efficacy in preventing repeated suicide attempts and whether such efficacy is temporary; (8) whether referral to mental health care affects the risk of suicide; and (9) the line's efficacy in promoting continued mental health care for those veterans who are at high risk for suicide whose suicide was prevented.

### Actions Timeline

- **Nov 9, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8614)
- **Nov 8, 2017:** 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. 618).(text: 11/7/2017 CR H8564)
- **Nov 8, 2017:** 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. 618). (text: 11/7/2017 CR H8564)
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-400.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 295.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Mr. Bilirakis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8563-8566)
- **Nov 7, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4173.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** 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.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.