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### Performance Accountability and Contractor Transparency Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-299.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 8, 2017
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 9, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 9, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 8, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 17, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Performance Accountability and Contractor Transparency Act of 2017**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that each VA contract for services includes:

- measurable metrics on the cost, schedule, and fulfillment of contract requirements;
- a plan of action and milestones for the provision of the service, including a description of the resources the provider will assign to provide the service;
- safeguards, including authority to levy financial penalties, to ensure that the service provided meets a minimum threshold of quality; and
- measurable metrics on the use of award or incentive fees.

In each case of a contract that would result in the VA incurring an obligation exceeding \$100 million, the VA must:

- ensure that the contract requires the service provider to document its work through VA information technology systems so that the VA can review and validate the quality of the service provided using the metrics set forth in the contract;
- use the appropriate VA project management accountability system to ensure that the contract provides an adequate return on investment;
- report on any failure of the service provider to meet contractual obligations, the effect of such failure, and the actions taken by the VA and by the contractor to address it;
- report the details of any modifications made to the contract and a justification for such modifications; and
- publish information about the contract and any modifications on its website.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 17, 2017:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-299.
- **Mar 7, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 7, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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