

S 2336

Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Reform Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 30, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill revises several policies and procedures related to the management of information technology projects and programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Among other requirements, the bill requires the VA to

- update the review process for information technology projects to ensure active risks are factored into the Information Technology Dashboard Chief Information Officer ratings;
- submit a plan for expenditures relating to large information technology projects and investments;
- include a specific accounting of funds requested for VA information technology programs in budget justification materials;
- comply with applicable requirements of the Data Center Optimization Initiative of the Office of Management and Budget;
- submit a comprehensive, prioritized list of information technology projects being funded by the VA;
- assess information technology investments to determine the suitability of the investments for migration to a cloud computing service;
- create a mechanism to track savings and cost avoidances from migration to cloud computing services and deployment of such services;
- ensure that information technology management policies address the role of the Chief Information Officer with respect to key responsibilities;
- develop a continuous monitoring strategy to address organization metrics, frequency of monitoring metrics, ongoing status monitoring of metrics, and reporting of security status; and
- revise Office of Information and Technology processes relating to risk management.

The bill also requires the Government Accountability Office to review the VA's updated processes related to the review of information technology projects and risk management.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 7, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4648-4650; text: CR S4648-4650)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4648-4650; text: CR S4648-4650)
- **Feb 13, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Moran without amendment. Without written report.
- **Feb 13, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 423.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.