

HR 5030

VA Suicide Prevention Services Accountability Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 2, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 785	Related bill	Oct 17, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-171.

Summary (as of Nov 8, 2019)

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This bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a management review and submit reports on mental health and suicide prevention efforts carried out by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Specifically, the bill requires the GAO to conduct a management review of the mental health and suicide prevention services provided by the VA.

The bill also requires the GAO to report on the VA's efforts to (1) manage veterans at high risk for suicide, (2) integrate mental health care into VA primary care clinics, and (3) integrate community-based mental health care (care provided by a non-VA provider but paid for by the VA) into the Veterans Health Administration.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 2, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.