

HR 8068

American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Mental Health Act

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide mental health and suicide prevention outreach to American Indian and Alaska Native veterans.

Specifically, the bill requires that each VA medical center have a full-time minority veteran coordinator. The coordinator must receive training in the delivery of culturally appropriate mental health and suicide prevention services to American Indian and Alaska Native veterans.

Further, the suicide prevention coordinator and minority veteran coordinator of each VA medical center must develop and disseminate a written plan for conducting mental health and suicide prevention outreach to all tribes and urban Indian health organizations within the area of the medical center.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 6, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 10, 2020:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 18, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 18, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.