

## HR 8145

To provide for a staffing improvement plan and occupational series for licensed professional mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Committee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Committee Hearings Held. (Sep 10, 2020)

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## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity                     | Date         |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Hearings By (full committee) | Sep 10, 2020 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Sep 1, 2020)

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to (1) submit a plan to address its staffing shortages of licensed professional mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists, and (2) develop an occupational series for such counselors and therapists.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 10, 2020:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Sep 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 1, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.