

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.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Committee Activity

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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

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