

## S 1944

### Vet Center Improvement Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** May 27, 2021

**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. (Dec 15, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1944>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 27, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Dec 15, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3575	Identical bill	May 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### Summary (as of May 27, 2021)

#### Vet Center Improvement Act of 2021

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to evaluate productivity expectations for readjustment counselors of Vet Centers, including by obtaining feedback from counselors that must be audited annually for five years by the Government Accountability Office.

The VA must also (1) develop and implement a staffing model for Vet Centers, (2) standardize descriptions of position responsibilities at Vet Centers, and (3) award grants to address food insecurity among veterans and family members of veterans who receive services through Vet Centers or other VA facilities.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 15, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 20, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **May 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 27, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3900-3901)