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Access for Veterans to Records Act of 2022

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 12, 2022
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 12, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 12, 2022
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 21, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 15, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7337	Related bill	Jul 18, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill directs the Office of the Archivist of the United States to submit to Congress a comprehensive plan for eliminating the backlog of requests for records from, and improving the efficiency and responsiveness of operations at, the National Personnel Records Center.

Such plan must include

- the number and percentage of unresolved veteran record requests that have been pending for more than 20 days, 90 days, and one year;
- target time frames to eliminate the backlog;
- a detailed plan for using existing funds to improve technology infrastructure, including secure access to appropriate agency federal records, to prevent future backlogs;
- actions to improve customer service for requesters;
- measurable goals with respect to the comprehensive plan and metrics for tracking progress toward such goals; and
- strategies to prevent future record request backlogs, including backlogs caused by an event that prevents employees of the center from reporting to work in person.

The office must submit updates of such plan at specified intervals.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment. With written report No. 117-265.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 656.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Sep 12, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 12, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.