

## S 731

Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Reform Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Mar 11, 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)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Nov 4, 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 2250	Related bill	<b>Nov 17, 2022:</b> Received in the Senate.

## **Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Reform Act of 2021**

This bill addresses the management and implementation of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Specifically, the bill prohibits the VA from obligating or expending funds for any major information technology project that begins after the date of enactment of this bill unless a report is submitted that includes information on the cost, schedule, and performance of the project. The information in the report must be used as a baseline against which changes or variances are measured and reported on during the life cycle of the project. Projects must be managed by an interdisciplinary team that includes a certified project manager, a functional lead, a technical lead, a contracting officer, and other appropriate personnel.

The VA's Chief Information Officer must (1) exercise authority over the management, governance, and oversight processes relating to information technology of the VA's Financial Services Center; and (2) supervise the information technology employees and contractors of the center.

The VA must ensure its annual budget justification materials include

- a list of its active information technology projects and specified information about such projects,
- projected funding needs for projects,
- a prioritized list of every proposed project that is unfunded, and
- information about the decommissioning of information technology systems and applications.

Finally, the VA must assess all of its information technology investments to determine the suitability for migration to a cloud computing service.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 15, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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