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VACANT Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8371	Related bill	Nov 19, 2024: Received in the Senate.
118 S 2745	Related bill	Sep 7, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 HR 693	Identical bill	Apr 18, 2023: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
118 S 10	Related bill	Feb 16, 2023: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

VA medical Center Absence and Notification Timeline Act or the VACANT Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to comply with certain notification and staffing requirements when a VA medical center director is on detail.

Not later than 90 days after detailing a director of a VA medical center to a different position within the VA, the VA must notify Congress with specified information about the detail (e.g., the location of the detail). Additionally, the VA must appoint an individual as acting director not later than 120 days after detailing a director to a different position.

The VA must regularly update Congress regarding the status of the detail.

Generally, not later than 180 days after detailing a director to a different position, the VA must return the individual to the position as director or reassign the individual from the position and begin the process of hiring a new director. This requirement may be waived for a limited amount of time, but the VA must submit to Congress a justification for the waiver.

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