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Not Just a Number Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 12, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4157	Related bill	**Jul 25, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 22, 2023)

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to take specified actions related to its suicide prevention services.

Specifically, the bill requires the VA to annually submit a National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report and publish it on a VA website.

The VA must also analyze and report on which benefits and services from the VA have the greatest impact on suicide prevention among veterans.

The VA must collaborate with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop a toolkit for state and local coroners and medical examiners that contains best practices for accurately identifying and reporting suicide deaths of veterans. The toolkit must be available on a publicly available website, and the VA and CDC must conduct outreach to state and local agencies to promote the availability and use of the toolkit.

The VA must review the findings and recommendations of the Government Accountability Office's management review of the VA's mental health and suicide prevention services and study the feasibility and advisability of creating a suicide prevention office within the VA.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 12, 2023:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-217.
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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