

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2359

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2019

Received

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Veterans Affairs advancing of whole health transformation.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Whole Veteran Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
4 **ADVANCING OF WHOLE HEALTH TRANS-**
5 **FORMATION.**

6 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
8 Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the implemen-
9 tation of the Department of Veterans Affairs memo-
10 randum dated February 12, 2019, on the subject of Ad-
11 vancing Whole Health Transformation Across Veterans
12 Health Administration.

13 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under sub-
14 section (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) An analysis of the accessibility and avail-
16 ability of each of the following services at medical
17 facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (in-
18 cluding community based outpatient clinics, vet cen-
19 ters, and community living centers):

20 (A) Massage.

21 (B) Chiropractic services.

22 (C) Whole health clinician services.

23 (D) Whole health coaching.

24 (E) Acupuncture.

25 (F) Healing touch.

26 (G) Whole health group services.

1 (H) Guided imagery.

2 (I) Meditation.

3 (J) Hypnosis.

4 (K) Yoga.

5 (L) Tai chi or Qi gong.

6 (M) Equine assisted therapy.

7 (N) Any other service the Secretary deter-
8 mines appropriate.

9 (2) An assessment of the health outcomes de-
10 rived from the services specified in paragraph (1).

11 (3) An assessment of the resources required to
12 expand such services to the entire Veterans Health
13 Administration.

14 (4) A plan to provide the services referred to in
15 paragraph (1) to veterans who reside in a geo-
16 graphic area where no community-based outpatient
17 clinic, medical center, Vet Center, or community liv-
18 ing center is located.

Passed the House of Representatives May 21, 2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.