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H. R. 1823

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 “VA Budget Shortfall
3 Accountability Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FUNDING SHORTFALLS IN CERTAIN ADMINISTRA-**
5 **TIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
6 **AFFAIRS: REVIEWS; REPORTS.**

7 (a) **FIRST GAO REVIEW.**—

8 (1) **REVIEW REQUIRED.**—Not later than 30
9 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
10 Comptroller General of the United States shall begin
11 a review regarding the circumstances surrounding,
12 and the causes of—

13 (A) the shortfall in the funding of the Vet-
14 erans Benefits Administration for fiscal year
15 2024; and

16 (B) the expected shortfall in the funding of
17 the Veterans Health Administration in fiscal
18 year 2025.

19 (2) **ELEMENTS.**—The review under this sub-
20 section shall include the following elements:

21 (A) A comparison of monthly obligations
22 and expenditures in relevant accounts against
23 the spending plan of the Department of Vet-
24 erans Affairs.

25 (B) Any transfers between accounts de-
26 scribed in subparagraph (A).

1 (C) The reasons for any significant diver-
2 sions of obligations or expenditures from such
3 spending plan.

4 (D) An analysis of the accuracy of any
5 projections or estimates relevant to diversions
6 described in subparagraph (C).

7 (E) Remedial actions the Secretary of Vet-
8 erans Affairs may take—

9 (i) to improve the accuracy of sup-
10 porting information submitted under sec-
11 tion 1105(a) of title 31, United States
12 Code, with respect to the Department; and

13 (ii) to prevent funding shortfalls for
14 the Department.

15 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after
16 completing such review, the Comptroller General
17 shall submit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a
18 written report containing the results and findings of
19 such review.

20 (b) SUBSEQUENT GAO REVIEWS.—In each of the
21 five calendar years following the date of the enactment of
22 this Act, the Comptroller General shall conduct a review
23 including the elements described in subsection (a)(2), and
24 submit a report described in subsection (a)(3), regarding
25 the funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the

1 most recent fiscal year to end before the date of such re-
2 view.

3 (c) REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-
4 FAIRS.—Not later than 30 days after the Secretary of Vet-
5 erans Affairs receives a report of the Comptroller General
6 under subsection (a) or (b), the Secretary shall submit
7 such report to—

8 (1) the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the
9 House of Representatives and the Senate; and

10 (2) the Committees on Appropriations of the
11 House of Representatives and the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives May 19, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.