

Whole Veteran Act

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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.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVANCING OF WHOLE HEALTH TRANSFORMATION.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of the Department of Veterans Affairs memorandum dated February 12, 2019, on the subject of Advancing Whole Health Transformation Across Veterans Health Administration.

(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of the accessibility and availability of each of the following services at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (including community based outpatient clinics, vet centers, and community living centers):

- (A) Massage.
- (B) Chiropractic services.
- (C) Whole health clinician services.
- (D) Whole health coaching.
- (E) Acupuncture.
- (F) Healing touch.
- (G) Whole health group services.
- (H) Guided imagery.
- (I) Meditation.
- (J) Hypnosis.
- (K) Yoga.

(L) Tai chi or Qi gong.

(M) Equine assisted therapy.

(N) Any other service the Secretary determines appropriate.

(2) An assessment of the health outcomes derived from the services specified in paragraph (1).

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

(4) A plan to provide the services referred to in paragraph (1) to veterans who reside in a geographic area where no community-based outpatient clinic, medical center, Vet Center, or community living center is located.