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S. 766

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Jacksonville, Florida, metropolitan area.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MILLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
5 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
6 United States Code, a national cemetery in the Jackson-
7 ville, Florida, metropolitan area to serve the needs of vet-
8 erans and their families.

1 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before
2 selecting the site for the national cemetery established
3 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

4 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Florida
5 and local officials of the Jacksonville metropolitan
6 area; and

7 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,
8 including the Administrator of General Services,
9 with respect to land belonging to the United States
10 in that area that would be suitable to establish the
11 national cemetery under subsection (a).

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
14 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
15 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
16 a schedule for such establishment of the national cemetery
17 and an estimate of the costs associated with such estab-
18 lishment of the national cemetery.

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