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H. R. 8148

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts for statistical analyses and data evaluation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMB (for himself and Mr. BANKS) introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Data Analytics
5 and Technology Assistance Act” or the “VA DATA Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATISTICAL ANALYSES AND DATA EVALUATION BY**
7 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 38, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 119. Contracting for statistical analyses and data**
2 **evaluation**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into a
4 contract or other agreement with an academic institution
5 or other qualified entity, as determined by the Secretary,
6 to carry out statistical analyses and data evaluation as re-
7 quired of the Secretary by law.

8 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
9 tion may be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-
10 retary to enter into contracts or other agreements for sta-
11 tistical analyses and data evaluation under any other pro-
12 vision of law.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 at the beginning of chapter 1 of such title is amended by
15 adding at the end the following new item:

“119. Contracting for statistical analyses and data evaluation.”.

