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S. 4852

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer certain coronavirus aid and relief funds to various accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 23 (legislative day, OCTOBER 19), 2020

Ms. MCSALLY 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. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER CERTAIN UNOBLI-**
4 **GATED BALANCES TO CERTAIN ACCOUNTS**
5 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
6 **FAIRS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), of the
8 unobligated balances available to the Department of Vet-

1 erans Affairs from title X of division B of the Coronavirus
 2 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–
 3 136) for “Veterans Health Administration, Medical Serv-
 4 ices”, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may transfer
 5 amounts to the following accounts in the amounts speci-
 6 fied:

7 (1) General Operating Expenses, Veterans Ben-
 8 efits Administration, up to \$198,000,000.

9 (2) Departmental Administration, Information
 10 Technology Systems, up to \$45,000,000.

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

12 (1) EDUCATION.—Amounts transferred under
 13 subsection (a) shall be used to prevent, prepare for,
 14 and respond to coronavirus, domestically or inter-
 15 nationally, to improve the education systems of the
 16 Veterans Benefits Administration, including—

17 (A) implementation of changes to pro-
 18 grams and activities under chapters 30 through
 19 36 of title 38, United States Code, that are car-
 20 ried out pursuant to the Harry W. Colmery
 21 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017
 22 (Public Law 115–48);

23 (B) carrying out Public Law 116–128; and

1 (C) carrying out the Student Veteran
2 Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 (Public Law
3 116–140).

4 (2) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS DE-
5 VELOPMENT.—That funds transferred to Depart-
6 mental Administration, Information Technology Sys-
7 tems pursuant to subsection (a) shall be transferred
8 to the information technology systems development
9 subaccount.

10 (3) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts
11 transferred to accounts under subsection (a) shall be
12 in addition to any other amounts made available for
13 the purposes for which amounts have been appro-
14 priated to such accounts.

15 (c) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—That the amounts
16 transferred under subsection (a) that were previously des-
17 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
18 pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
19 Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as
20 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
21 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
22 Deficit Control Act of 1985

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