

the Secretary for the representation of veterans under chapter 59 of this title.

“(j) TRACKING REQUIREMENTS.—(1) With respect to each grant awarded under this section, the Secretary shall track the use of veterans and veterans-related benefits among the population served by the grant, including the average period of time between the date on which a veteran applies for such a benefit and the date on which the veteran receives the benefit, disaggregated by type of benefit.

“(2) Not less frequently than annually, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the information tracked under paragraph (1).

“(k) PERFORMANCE REVIEW.—(1) The Secretary shall—

“(A) review the performance of each State that receives a grant under this section; and

“(B) make information regarding such performance publicly available.

“(l) REMEDIATION PLAN.—(1) In the case of a State that receives a grant under this section and does not meet the outcome measures developed by the Secretary under subsection (i), the Secretary shall require the State to submit a remediation plan under which the State shall describe how and when it plans to meet such outcome measures.

“(2) The Secretary may not award a subsequent grant under this section to a State described in paragraph (1) unless the Secretary approves the remediation plan submitted by the State.

“(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘county or tribal veterans service officer’ includes a local equivalent veterans service officer.

“(2) The term ‘Veterans Crisis Line’ means the toll-free hotline for veterans established under section 1720F(h) of this title.

“(n) FUNDING REQUEST.—In the budget justification materials submitted to Congress in support of the Department budget for any fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31), the Secretary shall include a separate statement of the amount requested to be appropriated for that fiscal year to carry out this section.

“(o) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, \$50,000,000 to carry out this section.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 63 of such title is amended by striking the items relating to sections 6307 and 6308 and inserting the following new items:

“6307. Grants to States to improve outreach to veterans.

“6308. Outreach for eligible dependents.

“6309. Biennial report to Congress.”

SEC. 502. OVERSIGHT OF COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND.

(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later July 1, 2023, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives a plan for obligating and expending amounts in the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund established by section 324(a) of title 38, United States Code.

(b) CONTENTS.—The plan submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A detailed explanation for how the Secretary interprets “the delivery of veterans’ health care associated with exposure to environmental hazards” for purposes of section 324(c)(1) of title 38, United States Code.

(2) A list of the medical services most commonly sought from the Department in connection with exposure to environmental haz-

ards in the active military, naval, air, or space service.

(3) A list of the medical conditions for which services described in paragraph (2) of this subsection are most commonly sought from the Department.

(4) A detailed explanation of how the Secretary interprets “expenses incident to the delivery of veterans’ health care and benefits associated with exposure to environmental hazards” for purposes of paragraph (2) of such section.

(5) A list of the expenses described in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(6) A detailed description of how the Secretary interprets “medical and other research relating to exposure to environmental hazards” for purposes of paragraph (3) of such section.

(7) A list of the research described by such paragraph.

(8) A detailed plan for tracking the following:

(A) The health care furnished to individuals who became eligible for or entitled to such health care because of a provision of or amendment made by the Honoring our PACT Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-168; 136 Stat. 1759).

(B) Reliance by toxic-exposed veterans on health care provided to such veterans pursuant to the Honoring our PACT Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-168; 136 Stat. 1759).

(C) The costs incurred by the Department for the furnishing of health care to toxic-exposed veterans for conditions that can be reasonably attributed to toxic exposure.

(c) MONTHLY REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two weeks after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than once every month thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report detailing the obligations and expenditures by the Secretary with respect to the amounts in the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund, disaggregated by obligations and expenditures of the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Veterans Health Administration, including with respect to information technology, general administration, operating expenses, and research.

(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(d) ANNUAL AUDITS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act and not less frequently than once each year thereafter, the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall conduct an audit of the obligation and expenditure of amounts in the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund.

(e) COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives an interim report and a final report on the degree to which the Secretary follows and executes the plan submitted pursuant to subsection (a).

(2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the methodology the Secretary uses to create an annual budget for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund for inclusion in each budget of the President submitted to Congress for a fiscal year pur-

suant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code.

(B) Identification of such adverse consequences to programs of the Department as the Comptroller General may find is created by the implementation of such Fund.

(C) An assessment of the long-term viability of the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund, including budgetary implications on future authorizing and appropriations legislation.

(D) Recommendations for such legislative or administrative action as may resolve or mitigate the adverse consequences identified pursuant to subparagraph (B) or any long-term viability issues that may be identified pursuant to the assessment required by subparagraph (C).

(f) DEFINITIONS OF TOXIC EXPOSURE AND TOXIC-EXPOSED VETERAN.—In this section, the terms “toxic exposure” and “toxic-exposed veteran” have the meanings given such terms in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I have 13 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND SPENDING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EAST, SOUTH ASIA, CENTRAL ASIA, AND COUNTERTERRORISM

The Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism of the Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 12 noon on Thursday, April 27; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that following the conclusion of morning business, the

Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 3, S.J. Res. 4; that the cloture motions filed during yesterday's session ripen at 12:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. For the information of the Senate, there will be two rollcall votes starting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:31 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate April 26, 2023:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

JOSHUA DAVID JACOBS, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR BENEFITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.