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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. FUNDING SHORTFALLS IN CERTAIN ADMINIS-**
4 **TRATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS: REVIEW; REPORT.**

6 (a) GAO REVIEW.—

7 (1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Comptroller General of the United States shall begin
2 a review regarding the circumstances surrounding,
3 and the causes of—

4 (A) the shortfall in the funding of the Vet-
5 erans Benefits Administration for fiscal year
6 2024; and

7 (B) the expected shortfall in the funding of
8 the Veterans Health Administration in fiscal
9 year 2025.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The review under this sub-
11 section shall include the following elements:

12 (A) A comparison of monthly obligations
13 and expenditures in relevant accounts against
14 the spending plan of the Department of Vet-
15 erans Affairs.

16 (B) Any transfers between accounts de-
17 scribed in subparagraph (A).

18 (C) The reasons for any significant diver-
19 sions of obligations or expenditures from such
20 spending plan.

21 (D) An analysis of the accuracy of any
22 projections or estimates relevant to diversions
23 described in subparagraph (C).

24 (E) Remedial actions the Secretary of Vet-
25 erans Affairs may take—

1 (i) to improve the accuracy of sup-
2 porting information submitted under sec-
3 tion 1105(a) of title 31, United States
4 Code, with respect to the Department; and
5 (ii) to prevent funding shortfalls for
6 the Department.

7 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after
8 completing such review, the Comptroller General
9 shall submit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a
10 written report containing the results and findings of
11 such review.

12 (b) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-
13 FAIRS.—Not later than 30 days after the Secretary of Vet-
14 erans Affairs receives the report of the Comptroller Gen-
15 eral under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit such
16 report to the appropriate congressional committees.

17 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
18 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
19 sional committees” means—

20 (1) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the
21 House of Representatives and the Senate; and

22 (2) the Committees on Appropriations of the
23 House of Representatives and the Senate.