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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW (for himself and Mr. ELLZEY) 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 “Veterans’ Sentinel
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUICIDES BY VETERANS ON PROPERTY OF THE DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: COLLEC-**
3 **TION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA; WORKING**
4 **GROUP.**

5 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 1709B of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as sub-
9 paragraph (3); and

10 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
11 following new paragraph (2):

12 “(2) The statistical trends and recommenda-
13 tions described in subsection (b).”;

14 (2) by redesignating subsection (b), as amend-
15 ed, as subsection (c); and

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
17 lowing new subsection (b):

18 “(b) ON-CAMPUS SUICIDES.—On an annual basis,
19 the Secretary shall—

20 “(1) evaluate the statistical trends of suicides
21 and attempted suicides by veterans that occur on the
22 property of the Department; and

23 “(2) determine recommendations for preventing
24 such suicides and attempted suicides.”.

25 (b) WORKING GROUP.—

1 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a working
4 group to collect and analyze data regarding on-cam-
5 pus suicides and attempted on-campus suicides.

6 (2) METHODOLOGY.—In collecting and ana-
7 lyzing the information under paragraph (1), the
8 working group shall—

9 (A) review root cause analysis data avail-
10 able to the Secretary regarding all on-campus
11 suicides and attempted on-campus suicides;

12 (B) with respect to on-campus suicides—

13 (i) analyze data available to the Sec-
14 retary under the Behavioral Health Au-
15 topsy Program of the Department, includ-
16 ing family interviews; and

17 (ii) document reasons for any defi-
18 ciencies in the data collected; and

19 (C) not less frequently than every 90 days,
20 communicate with the medical centers and field
21 offices of the Department in order to coordinate
22 the collection and review actions of the working
23 group with such actions carried out by the med-
24 ical centers and field offices.

1 (3) DATA COLLECTION IMPROVEMENTS.—The
2 working group shall consider, and may implement
3 for purposes described in paragraph (1), improve-
4 ments to the processes by which the Secretary col-
5 lects data regarding on-campus suicides and at-
6 tempted on-campus suicides in order to unify the
7 disparate sources of such data, including with re-
8 spect to—

9 (A) modifying incident reports and other
10 methods to collect data, including both suicide
11 and attempted suicide report fields;

12 (B) developing and ensuring that each
13 source of data relating to on-campus suicides
14 and attempted on-campus suicides includes a
15 specified section for such on-campus incidents;
16 and

17 (C) developing an associated management
18 system to consolidate all relevant data for on-
19 campus suicides and attempted on-campus sui-
20 cides, including such data from Behavioral
21 Health Autopsy Program assessments, health
22 records of the Department, root cause analyses,
23 incident reports, and other sources of data.

24 (4) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than one year after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually

1 thereafter during the period of operation under
2 paragraph (6), the Secretary shall provide to the
3 Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of
4 Representatives and Senate a briefing on the
5 progress and findings of the working group estab-
6 lished under such paragraph.

7 (5) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 end of the period of operation under paragraph (6),
9 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on
10 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives
11 and the Senate a report detailing—

12 (A) the effectiveness of the working group
13 established under such paragraph; and

14 (B) any recommendations to enhance the
15 data collection and management by the Sec-
16 retary with respect to on-campus suicides and
17 attempted on-campus suicides, including im-
18 provements identified under paragraph (3).

19 (6) DURATION.—The working group shall oper-
20 ate for a period determined by the Secretary that is
21 not less than two years and not longer than five
22 years.

23 (7) ON-CAMPUS SUICIDE DEFINED.—In this
24 subsection, the term “on-campus suicide” means a

- 1 suicide described in section 1709B(b) of title 38,
- 2 United States Code, as amended by subsection (a).

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