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# H. R. 9018

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide to Congress notice of any suicide or attempted suicide of a veteran in a facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs or of a Community Care provider, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MIN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. SORENSEN, and Mr. THOMPSON of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Fostering Trans-  
5 parency, Understanding, and Support for Veterans Act of  
6 2026” or the “Fostering TRUST Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE OF SUICIDES AND AT-**  
2 **TEMPTED SUICIDES OF VETERANS IN DE-**  
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILI-**  
4 **TIES.**

5 Section 1720F of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7 section:

8 “(1) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—(1)

9 In the case of the suicide or attempted suicide of any vet-  
10 eran that occurs in, or on the grounds of, a Department  
11 facility or the facility of a non-Department provider  
12 through which the Secretary furnishes care under section  
13 1703 of this title, to the extent that the Secretary or any  
14 employee or senior leader of the Department is aware of  
15 the suicide or attempted suicide, the Secretary shall sub-  
16 mit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate  
17 and the House of Representatives and the Senators and  
18 member of Congress representing the district in which the  
19 facility is located and the Senators and member of Con-  
20 gress representing the district in which the veteran resides  
21 the following notices:

22 “(A) Not later than seven days after the date  
23 on which the suicide or attempted suicide occurs, no-  
24 tice of—

25 “(i) the suicide or attempted suicide; and

1           “(ii) the name of the facility and location  
2           where the suicide or attempted suicide occurred.

3           “(B) Subject to paragraph (2), not later than  
4           60 days after such date, notice of the following in-  
5           formation (if available) regarding the veteran who  
6           committed or attempted to commit suicide:

7           “(i) The enrollment status of the veteran  
8           with respect to the patient enrollment system of  
9           the Department under section 1705 of this title.

10          “(ii) The date and circumstances of the  
11          most recent encounter before the suicide or at-  
12          tempted suicide occurred between the veteran  
13          and any employee or facility of the Veterans  
14          Health Administration or any non-Department  
15          provider.

16          “(iii) Whether the veteran had other med-  
17          ical insurance or coverage (including under the  
18          TRICARE program (as defined in section 1072  
19          of title 10), the Medicare program under title  
20          XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
21          1395 et seq.), or the Medicaid program under  
22          title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
23          1396 et seq.)).

24          “(iv) The Armed Force in which the vet-  
25          eran served.

1                   “(v) The time period during which the vet-  
2                   eran served in the Armed Forces.

3                   “(vi) The age of the veteran.

4                   “(vii) The marital status of the veteran.

5                   “(viii) The employment status of the vet-  
6                   eran.

7                   “(ix) The housing status of the veteran.

8                   “(x) The gender identity of the veteran.

9                   “(xi) The sexual orientation of the veteran.

10                  “(xii) The race and ethnicity of the vet-  
11                  eran.

12                  “(xiii) The disability rating of the veteran.

13                  “(xiv) Confirmation that the Secretary has  
14                  provided to the immediate family members of  
15                  the veteran notice of any Department support  
16                  or assistance for which such family members  
17                  may be eligible.

18           “(2) In collecting and reporting information under  
19           paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall take all steps the  
20           Secretary determines necessary to respect the privacy and  
21           dignity of the veteran and the family of the veteran.

22           “(3) Each notice submitted under subparagraph (A)  
23           or (B) of paragraph (1) shall include a copy of guidance  
24           developed by the Secretary for purposes of dissemination  
25           that is designed to—

1           “(A) deter the sensationalism of suicide;

2           “(B) provide information regarding warning  
3 signs that are often exhibited by veterans at risk of  
4 suicide;

5           “(C) provide notice of the resources the Depart-  
6 ment offers to veterans who may be at risk of sui-  
7 cide, including the Veterans Crisis Line and read-  
8 justment counseling provided through Vet Centers;  
9 and

10          “(D) provide information about best practices  
11 for lethal means safety and resources to secure le-  
12 thal means available through the Department.”.

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