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Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. COLE, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. BOST, and Mr. CALVERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other pur-
6 poses, namely:

1 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

2 VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

3 COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

4 For an additional amount for “Compensation and
5 Pensions”, \$2,285,513,000, to remain available until ex-
6 pended.

7 VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

8 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

9 For an additional amount for “Readjustment Bene-
10 fits”, \$596,969,000, to remain available until expended.

11 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

12 SEC. 101. Each amount appropriated or made avail-
13 able by this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise appro-
14 priated for the fiscal year involved.

15 SEC. 102. Unless otherwise provided for by this Act,
16 the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to appro-
17 priations accounts shall be available under the authorities
18 and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts
19 for fiscal year 2024.

20 SEC. 103. (a) BUDGET FORMULATION AND FORE-
21 CASTING.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enact-
22 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
23 submit to the Committees on Appropriations and the Com-
24 mittees on Veterans Affairs of the House of Representa-
25 tives and the Senate a report detailing corrections the De-

1 partment will make to improve forecasting, data quality
2 and budget assumptions relating to budget submissions
3 for funds provided under the headings “Compensations
4 and Pensions” and “Readjustment Benefits”.

5 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 60
6 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appro-
8 priations and the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the
9 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on sta-
10 tus of funds made available under the headings “Com-
11 pensations and Pensions” and “Readjustment Benefits”
12 for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026 in this or any other
13 Act. Provided, That such report shall be updated and sub-
14 mitted to such Committees every 90 days thereafter until
15 September 30, 2026, and shall include information detail-
16 ing any changes to estimates or assumptions on obliga-
17 tions and expenditures, including data supporting these
18 changes.

19 SEC. 104. (a) The Inspector General of the Depart-
20 ment of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a review of the cir-
21 cumstances surrounding and the underlying causes of the
22 announced funding shortfall for the Veterans Benefits Ad-
23 ministration for fiscal year 2024 described in the letter
24 to Congress from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on
25 July 19, 2024, and the announced funding shortfall for

1 the Veterans Health Administration in fiscal year 2025
2 described in the letter to Congress from the Secretary of
3 Veterans Affairs on July 31, 2024.

4 (b) Relating to the shortfall in the funding of the Vet-
5 erans Benefits Administration in fiscal year 2024 and the
6 expected shortfall in the funding of the Veterans Health
7 Administration in fiscal year 2025, the review shall in-
8 clude, but not be limited to: a comparison of monthly obli-
9 gations and expenditures in relevant accounts against the
10 spend plan of the Department; the reasons for any signifi-
11 cant diversions of obligations or expenditures from the
12 spend plan; an analysis of the accuracy of projections and
13 estimates relevant to such diversions; and any other mat-
14 ter determined relevant by the Inspector General.

15 (c) Relating to the expected shortfall in the funding
16 of the Veterans Health Administration in fiscal year 2025,
17 the review also shall include: any changes, abnormalities,
18 or significant events as determined significant by the In-
19 spector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs in
20 the transfer, reallocation, or other movement of funding
21 between or within the Central Office, a Veterans Inte-
22 grated Service Network, a facility, a program or office,
23 a special purpose fund, the Veterans Equitable Resource
24 Allocation process, or the Medical Center Allocation Sys-
25 tem.

1 (d) Actions the Department of Veterans Affairs can
2 take to improve the accuracy of supporting information
3 submitted under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
4 Code, with respect to the Department of Veterans Affairs
5 and to prevent funding shortfalls for the Department.

6 (e) Not later than 180 days after the date of enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department
8 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Ap-
9 propriations and the Committees on Veterans Affairs of
10 the House of Representatives and the Senate a report de-
11 tailing the conduct and findings of the review.

12 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Benefits Con-
13 tinuity and Accountability Supplemental Appropriations
14 Act, 2024”.