

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4477

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mr. BERGMAN) 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 “Reducing High Risk  
5       to Veterans and Veterans Services Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLAN OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
2 **TO ADDRESS CERTAIN HIGH-RISK AREAS OF**  
3 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs, after consulting with the Comptroller General,  
7 shall submit to Congress a plan that addresses the actions  
8 and outcomes identified by the Comptroller General of the  
9 United States of the Department of Veterans Affairs in  
10 the 2019 High-Risk List of the Government Account-  
11 ability Office (GAO–19–157SP) regarding—

12 (1) acquisition management; and

13 (2) managing risks and improving health care.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall  
15 include the following:

16 (1) Metrics for successfully addressing root  
17 causes of the problems described in paragraphs (1)  
18 and (2) of subsection (a).

19 (2) Timelines and milestones the Secretary de-  
20 termines feasible.

21 (3) Obstacles to implementation of the plan  
22 that the Secretary identifies.

23 (4) Recommendations of the Secretary regard-  
24 ing legislation or funding the Secretary determines  
25 necessary to implement the plan.

1       (c) SEMIANNUAL UPDATES.—Every six months dur-  
2 ing the three-year period beginning with submission of the  
3 plan under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit an  
4 update to Congress regarding implementation of the plan.

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