

S. 2336, Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Reform Act of 2019

As reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on February 13, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	2	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 2336 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assess and report on its Information Technology (IT) systems and procedures. Specifically, the bill would require VA to:

- Review the agency's processes for managing the risk of cost overruns or schedule delays that projects for acquiring or modifying IT systems could experience;
- Report on IT projects with obligations of \$25 million or more;
- Provide additional information on IT projects in the agency's annual budget submission; and
- Monitor IT performance metrics.

The bill also would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review and report on VA's practices for managing risks in the department's IT programs.

VA is already completing many of the bill's requirements so implementing related provisions would not have a significant additional cost, CBO estimates. On the basis of the costs of similar studies and reports completed by VA and GAO, CBO estimates fulfilling the bill's requirements on GAO would cost \$2 million over the 2020-2025 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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