

H.R. 3722, Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on December 5, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 3722 would require the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to use DoD’s Transition Assistance Program and VA’s Solid Start program to provide certain information to service members who are separating from the U.S. Armed Forces. The information would include how to access resources for treating mental health conditions, substance and alcohol use disorders, homelessness, and other risk factors for suicide.

Under current law, VA helps transitioning service members receive health care and other benefits from the department and works with DoD and other federal agencies to offer resources to service members and their families as they transition to civilian life. The Veterans Health Administration has 48 nurses and social workers working as liaisons at 26 DoD installations and military treatment facilities. Those staff members assess various needs of separating military personnel, including the need for services aimed at preventing suicide and homelessness. The liaisons also help people register for VA health care and connect them with case management teams for ongoing care and services.



CBO expects that VA and DoD are generally satisfying the requirements of the bill under current law; thus, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not significantly affect the federal budget.

The bill would require DoD and VA to jointly report on the information and materials that support their programs' work in providing resources. Based on costs for similar activities, CBO estimates that satisfying that requirement would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2028 period; any spending would be subject to the appropriation of available amounts.

On April 17, 2023, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for S. 132](#), the Daniel J. Harvey Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on February 16, 2023. The requirements of the bills are similar and the estimated costs are the same.

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