

H.R. 2201, Improving VA Training for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 6, 2026

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2025	2025-2030	2025-2035
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 2036?	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 2036?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate? No	
		Contains private-sector mandate? No	
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2201 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide annual sensitivity training for employees who process or decide claims for VA benefits that result from military sexual trauma (MST). The bill also would require VA to obtain a veteran's service personnel and service medical records when processing those claims. The department already provides annual sensitivity training to employees who handle MST-related claims. Further, VA is already required to assist veterans in obtaining necessary evidence to substantiate benefits claims under current law. Such evidence may include the veteran's service personnel and service medical records, as well as other evidence. Because VA is already providing employees with annual sensitivity training and is required to obtain all necessary evidence when processing benefits claims, those requirements would not affect the federal budget.

The bill would also require VA to submit two reports to the Congress on the sensitivity training it provides to department employees and to contracted medical professionals who process, decide, or evaluate claims for VA benefits concerning MST. Using information on the cost of similar reports, CBO estimates the reporting requirements would increase spending subject to appropriation by less than \$500,000.



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