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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Data Driven Suicide  
5       Prevention and Outreach Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS GRANT PRO-**  
2 **GRAM FOR PREDICTIVE MODELS TO EVALU-**  
3 **ATE RISK FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO**  
4 **SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after  
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
7 Veterans Affairs, acting through the Center for Innovation  
8 for Care and Payment of the Department of Veterans Af-  
9 fairs, shall establish and carry out a program (in this sec-  
10 tion referred to as the “Program”) to award grants to eli-  
11 gible organizations described in subsection (b) to use arti-  
12 ficial intelligence to develop a predictive model to evaluate  
13 risk factors contributing to the incidence of suicide among  
14 veterans.

15 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible organization described  
16 in this subsection is a nonprofit entity, academic institu-  
17 tion, private research organization, or other entity with  
18 demonstrated capability and experience—

19 (1) developing and deploying artificial intel-  
20 ligence and machine learning solutions;  
21 (2) analyzing health care data, including de-  
22 identification and protection of—  
23 (A) personally-identifiable information; and  
24 (B) protected health information;

1 (3) developing predictive models or decision-  
2 support tools used in clinical or population health  
3 settings;

4 (4) applying advanced statistical methods or  
5 machine learning techniques to large, complex health  
6 datasets; and

7 (5) complying with Department data security  
8 and interoperability standards.

9 (c) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible organization desiring  
10 a grant under the Program shall submit to the Secretary  
11 an application in such form, at such time, and containing  
12 such information and assurances as the Secretary deter-  
13 mines appropriate.

14 (d) SELECTION PROCEDURES.—

15 (1) NUMBER.—Subject to paragraph (4), the  
16 Secretary shall select not fewer than two eligible or-  
17 ganizations to which to award a grant under the  
18 Program.

22 (A) With respect to the VISN in which the  
23 organization is located.

24 (i) the geographic distribution;

1 (ii) the complexity of applicable Vet-  
2 erns Health Administration facilities; and  
3 (iii) the density of the veteran popu-  
4 lation.

5 (B) Geographic proximity to Veterans  
6 Health Administration facilities.

14 (A) located in areas with—

15 (i) a high rate of suicide among veterans;  
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17 (ii) a high rate of calls to the Veterans Crisis Line; and  
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19 (iii) long wait times for mental health  
20 care services at Department facilities:

21 (B) with experience in administering pre-  
22 dictive analytics or population health solutions  
23 for Government-owned health care systems pur-  
24 suant to an agreement with the Federal Gov-  
25 ernment (including the Department of Veterans

1 Affairs, the Department of Defense, and the  
2 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services);

3 (C) with a demonstrated capability to de-  
4 liver tools that are—

5 (i) explicable;

6 (ii) interoperable; and

7 (iii) clinically actionable;

10 (E) with existing infrastructure for secure  
11 data storage and transmission that complies  
12 with Federal cybersecurity requirements; and

13 (F) that agree to make any predictive  
14 model or finding resulting from activities fund-  
15 ed with a grant under this section available to  
16 the Secretary for Department of Veterans Af-  
17 fairs-wide implementation and evaluation.

23 (e) TERMINATION DATE.—The authority of the Sec-  
24 retary to carry out the pilot program under this section  
25 shall terminate on September 30, 2029.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (3) The term “Veterans Crisis Line” means the  
11 toll-free hotline for veterans established and oper-  
12 ated under section 1720F of such title.

13 (4) The term “VISN” means a Veteran Inte-  
14 grated Services Network.