

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3504
OFFERED BY MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL REVIEW OF SECURITY AT COVERED**
2 **FACILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) ANNUAL SURVEY.—Not later than one year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
6 after for each of the following five years, the Secretary
7 of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Director of
8 the Office of Security and Law Enforcement of the De-
9 partment of Veterans Affairs, shall conduct an annual sur-
10 vey of covered employees to collect information regarding
11 security at each covered facility. Each annual survey shall
12 include questions about—

13 (1) the type and frequency of criminal activity
14 experienced at the covered facility during the 12
15 months prior to the date the covered employee com-
16 pletes the survey;

17 (2) the number of vacant positions for Depart-
18 ment police officers at the covered facility and the

1 number of days each vacant position has been va-
2 cant;

3 (3) the availability and adequacy of covered
4 equipment;

5 (4) the availability and adequacy of resources,
6 classes, or other time set aside for training Depart-
7 ment police officers who work at each covered facil-
8 ity about any skill or tactic related to law enforce-
9 ment, including the proper use of force, firearms
10 qualifications and training, procedures for respond-
11 ing to an active threat, and any other training re-
12 quired for Department police officers;

13 (5) any security weakness;

14 (6) an analysis of the relationship between the
15 covered facility (including the Department police of-
16 ficers who work at the covered facility) and local law
17 enforcement agencies;

18 (7) efforts by the personnel of the covered facil-
19 ity to address and reduce criminal activity at, or in
20 close proximity to, the covered facility; and

21 (8) recommendations for the Secretary to better
22 address and reduce criminal activity at, or in close
23 proximity to, covered facilities.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for

1 each of the following five years, the Secretary shall submit
2 to each of the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-
3 ate and the House of Representatives an annual report
4 regarding security at covered facilities that includes—

5 (1) the results of the annual survey described
6 under subsection (a) for the year covered by the re-
7 port;

8 (2) an analysis, made in coordination with the
9 Director of the Office of Security and Law Enforce-
10 ment of such Department and each director and po-
11 lice chief of a Veterans Integrated Service Network,
12 of the results of the annual survey described under
13 subsection (a) for the year covered by the report;

14 (3) a plan of action that describes how the Sec-
15 retary plans to address any security weakness identi-
16 fied in the results of the annual survey and includes
17 clearly-stated goals with measurable benchmarks for
18 each goal and deadlines for each benchmark; and

19 (4) a list of each vacant position for police chief
20 or deputy police chief at each covered facility, and
21 the number of days the position has been vacant.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “covered equipment” means any
24 item issued by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
25 a Department police officer (including batons, fire-

1 arms, pepper spray, ballistic vests, body-worn cam-
2 eras, and radios) for use in the provision of services
3 under section 902 of title 38, United States Code.

4 (2) The term “covered employee” means any
5 employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who
6 is employed at a covered facility as a police chief, a
7 facility emergency management leader, a facility di-
8 rector, or a person carrying out the responsibilities
9 of one of these positions in an acting capacity.

10 (3) The term “Department police officer” has
11 the meaning given to such term under section 902
12 of title 38, United States Code.

13 (4) The term “security weakness” means a defi-
14 ciency in the facilities, staffing, or covered equip-
15 ment at a covered facility that a covered employee
16 of the covered facility determines presents a risk to
17 the safety of visitors or staff, including an unsecured
18 door, inoperable security camera, unsecured police
19 operations room, a lack of security presence at an
20 entrance to the covered facility, and a lack of secu-
21 rity presence in an area of the covered facility or the
22 grounds of the covered facility that the director of
23 the covered facility determines requires an increased
24 security presence.

1 (5) The term “covered facility” means any fa-
2 cility of the Department of Veterans Affairs where
3 Department police officers have jurisdiction.

