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113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4038

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain improvements in the information technology of the Veterans Benefits Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs to process claims more efficiently, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FLORES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Veterans Benefits Ad-
5 ministration Information Technology Improvement Act of
6 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OF**
2 **THE VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**
3 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS.**

5 (a) PROCESSING OF CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-
6 ANCE CLAIMS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall,
7 to the maximum extent possible, make such changes and
8 improvements to the information technology system of the
9 Veterans Benefits Administration of the Department of
10 Veterans Affairs to ensure that—

11 (1) to the maximum extent possible, all original
12 and supplemental claims for educational assistance
13 under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code,
14 are adjudicated electronically; and

15 (2) rules-based processing is used to make deci-
16 sions with respect to such claims with little human
17 intervention.

18 (b) VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CLAIMS.—The
19 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall reduce redundancy and
20 inefficiencies in the use of information technology to proc-
21 ess claims for rehabilitation programs under chapter 31
22 of title 38, United States Code, by—

23 (1) ensuring that payments of subsistence al-
24 lowance for veterans participating in a rehabilitation
25 program under such chapter are only processed and
26 paid out of one corporate information technology

1 system, in order to eliminate the redundancy of mul-
2 tiple information technology payment systems, and

3 (2) enhancing the information technology sys-
4 tem supporting veterans participating in such a pro-
5 gram to support more accurate accounting of serv-
6 ices and outcomes for such veterans.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the changes
10 made pursuant to the requirements os subsections (a) and
11 (b).