

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NA-
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1 **SEC. 12__.** **CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF**
2 **CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC FUNDING MADE**
3 **AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
4 **AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) **PLAN AND REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—**

6 (1) **PLAN.—**Not later than 30 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on
9 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives
10 and the Senate a detailed plan for obligating and ex-
11 pending covered funds, including a detailed justifica-
12 tion for each type of obligation of such funds.

13 (2) **BIWEEKLY REPORTS.—**Every 14 days dur-
14 ing the period beginning on the date on which the
15 plan under paragraph (1) is submitted and ending
16 seven days after the date on which the Secretary has
17 expended all covered funds, the Secretary shall sub-
18 mit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the

1 House of Representatives and the Senate a report
2 detailing the obligation and expenditure of, and the
3 planned uses for, such funds during the period cov-
4 ered by the report, including a written justification
5 for any deviation in such obligations, expenditures,
6 or planned uses from such plan.

7 (b) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDITS.—Not later than
8 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
9 semiannually thereafter for three years or until the Sec-
10 retary has expended all covered funds, whichever occurs
11 first, the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans
12 Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Af-
13 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a
14 report examining the obligations and expenditures made
15 using covered funds during the period covered by the re-
16 port. Each such report shall include—

17 (1) a comparison of how the funds are being
18 obligated and expended to how the funds were
19 planned to be obligated and expended in the plan
20 under subsection (a)(1);

21 (2) areas of waste, fraud, and abuse, if any;
22 and

23 (3) any other matter the Inspector General de-
24 termines relevant.

25 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEWS.—

1 (1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than Sep-
2 tember 30, 2022, the Comptroller General of the
3 United States shall submit to the Committees on
4 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives
5 and the Senate an interim report containing a re-
6 view of obligations and expenditures made using cov-
7 ered funds. The report shall include—

8 (A) a review of the process of the Depart-
9 ment of Veterans Affairs for preparing the re-
10 quest for funds;

11 (B) an explanation of how the expenditure
12 of such funds met the goals of the Department
13 during the public health emergency for which
14 the funds were made available;

15 (C) any recommendations to improve the
16 process of identifying needs and expending
17 funds during similar situations in the future;
18 and

19 (D) a review of the plans of the Depart-
20 ment to continue programs or investments that
21 were begun with such funds but will continue
22 after such funds are expended.

23 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than September
24 30, 2024, the Comptroller General shall submit to
25 the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of

1 Representatives and the Senate a final report on the
2 matters specified under paragraph (1).

3 (d) FUNDING.—Of the amounts appropriated to the
4 Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022 under
5 this Act, \$2,000,000 shall be available to carry out this
6 section.

7 (e) COVERED FUNDS DEFINED.—In this section, the
8 term “covered funds” means funds that are made avail-
9 able to the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to—

10 (1) the Families First Coronavirus Response
11 Act (Public Law 116–127);

12 (2) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
13 Security Act (Public Law 116–136);

14 (3) the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
15 (Public Law 117–2); or

16 (4) this Act.

