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H. R. 7337

To require the Archivist of the United States to submit a plan to Congress to eliminate the records backlog at the National Personnel Records Center, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. BUSH, and Mr. COOPER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Access for Veterans
5 to Records Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLAN TO ELIMINATE RECORDS BACKLOG AT THE**
2 **NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER.**

3 (a) **PLAN REQUIRED.**—Not later than 60 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Archivist of the
5 United States shall submit to the Committee on Oversight
6 and Reform of the House of Representatives and the
7 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
8 of the Senate a plan for reducing the backlog of requests
9 for records from the National Personnel Records Center
10 that includes, at a minimum, the following:

11 (1) Target timeframes to reduce the backlog.

12 (2) A detailed plan for improving the informa-
13 tion technology infrastructure to prevent future
14 backlogs.

15 (3) Actions to improve customer service for re-
16 questers.

17 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addi-
18 tion to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized
19 to be appropriated to the National Archives and Records
20 Administration, \$60,000,000 to address backlogs in re-
21 sponding to requests from veterans for military personnel
22 records, improve cybersecurity, improve digital preserva-
23 tion and access to archival Federal records, and address
24 backlogs in requests made under section 552 of title 5,
25 United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom

1 of Information Act). Such amounts may also be used for
2 the Federal Records Center Program.

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