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# H. R. 4683

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2021

Mr. BANKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Department of Vet-  
5 erans Affairs Electronic Health Record Testing Improve-  
6 ment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TESTING AND EVALUATION OF ELECTRONIC**  
2 **HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION PRO-**  
3 **GRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
4 **AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The OTE Director shall test and  
6 evaluate the Electronic Health Record Modernization Pro-  
7 gram—

8 (1) at the request of the Secretary of Veterans  
9 Affairs; and

10 (2) not less frequently than the interval at  
11 which the OTE Director tests or evaluates the De-  
12 fense Healthcare Management System Moderniza-  
13 tion Program of the Department of Defense.

14 (b) INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—The FEHRM Direc-  
15 tor shall facilitate the exchange of information between the  
16 OTE Director and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for  
17 the purposes of carrying out subsection (a).

18 (c) REPORTING.—Not later than 30 days after com-  
19 pleting a test or evaluation of the Electronic Health  
20 Record Modernization Program, the FEHRM Director  
21 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of  
22 the Senate and House of Representatives and the Sec-  
23 retary of Veterans Affairs the test or evaluation report.

24 (d) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans  
25 Affairs shall reimburse the Secretary of Defense for costs

1 necessary to perform such tests and evaluations by the  
2 OTE Director.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) The term “Electronic Health Record Mod-  
5 ernization Program” has the meaning given that  
6 term in section 503 of the Veterans Benefits and  
7 Transition Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–407; 38  
8 U.S.C. note prec. 5701).

9 (2) The term “FEHRM Director” means the  
10 Director of the Federal Electronic Health Record  
11 Modernization Office appointed under section  
12 1635(c) of the Wounded Warrior Act (title XVI of  
13 Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note).

14 (3) The term “OTE Director” means the Direc-  
15 tor of Operational Test and Evaluation of the De-  
16 partment of Defense.

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