

Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-48); and

(3) no individuals entitled to payments of monthly stipend under section 3313 of title 38, United States Code, who have been overpaid as a result of the difficulties encountered by the Department in carrying out such section after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of such Act should have overpayments recuperated by the Department.

### SEC. 3. TIGER TEAM FOR HOUSING STIPENDS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one day after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a tiger team (in this section referred to as the “Tiger Team”) dedicated to addressing the difficulties encountered by the Department of Veterans Affairs in carrying out section 3313 of title 38, United States Code, after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-48; 38 U.S.C. 3313 note and 37 U.S.C. 403 note).

(b) COMPOSITION.—Not later than 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the names and titles of the employees of the Department who compose the Tiger Team established under subsection (a), including the name and title of the senior-level employee of the Department who serves as the lead accountable official of the Tiger Team.

#### (c) DUTIES.—

(1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Tiger Team shall submit to Congress the following:

(A) A plan describing the following:

(i) How the Secretary will obtain the information necessary to determine the correct payment amounts for monthly stipends under section 3313 of title 38, United States Code, made after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-48; 38 U.S.C. 3313 note and 37 U.S.C. 403 note), from officials responsible for the certification of payments of monthly stipends made under section 3313 of such title.

(ii) How the Secretary will modify the relevant information technology systems of the Department to correct the payment amounts for monthly stipends under section 3313 of such title made after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of such Act (Public Law 115-48; 38 U.S.C. 3313 note and 37 U.S.C. 403 note) that were deficient.

(iii) How the Secretary will identify all of the individuals who received payments of monthly stipends under section 3313 of such title that were not in compliance with such section, after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of such Act (Public Law 115-48; 38 U.S.C. 3313 note and 37 U.S.C. 403 note).

(iv) How the Secretary will notify the individuals described in clause (iii).

(v) The procedures the Secretary will use to correct the payments of monthly stipends under section 3313 of such title that were deficient as a result of the difficulties encountered by the Department of Veterans Affairs in carrying out such section after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of such Act (Public Law 115-48; 38 U.S.C. 3313 note and 37 U.S.C. 403 note).

(B) A complete timeline for the implementation of the plan described in subparagraph (A).

(C) Any additional funding and personnel requirements necessary to support the implementation of the plan described in subparagraph (A), including any such requirements as may be necessary for staffing increases or relevant improvements to the information technology infrastructure of the Department.

#### (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall implement the plan submitted under paragraph (1)(A).

(B) PERIODIC UPDATES.—Not less frequently than once every 90 days after submission of the items under paragraph (1), the Tiger Team shall submit to Congress an update on the implementation of the plan described in subparagraph (A) of such paragraph.

#### (3) FINAL REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2020, the Tiger Team shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a final report on the activities and findings of the Tiger Team.

(B) CONTENTS.—The report required by subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

(i) The number of individuals who were affected by payments of monthly stipends under section 3313 of title 38, United States Code, that were not in compliance with such section after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-48; 38 U.S.C. 3313 note and 37 U.S.C. 403 note).

(ii) The number of individuals described in clause (i) who received deficient payments as a result of the difficulties encountered by the Department in carrying out section 3313 of such title after the enactment of sections 107 and 501 of such Act (Public Law 115-48; 38 U.S.C. 3313 note and 37 U.S.C. 403 note), and the total amount of the deficiency for each individual, disaggregated by State.

(iii) The number of individuals described in clause (ii) who have not received the amount of monthly stipend to which such individuals are entitled under section 3313 of such title and an explanation of why such individuals have not received such amounts.

(iv) A certification of whether the Department is fully compliant with sections 107 and 501 of such Act (Public Law 115-48; 38 U.S.C. 3313 note and 37 U.S.C. 403 note).

(C) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the following:

(i) The Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate.

(ii) The Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(d) TERMINATION.—On the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Tiger Team submits the final report required by subsection (c)(3), the Secretary shall terminate the Tiger Team established under subsection (a).

### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4155. Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. ALEXANDER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6615, to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program.

SA 4156. Mr. CASSIDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4108 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill S. 756, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4157. Mr. BOOZMAN (for Mr. THUNE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2200, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes.

SA 4158. Mr. BOOZMAN (for Mrs. McCASKILL) proposed an amendment to the bill S.

3085, to establish a Federal Acquisition Security Council and to provide executive agencies with authorities relating to mitigating supply chain risks in the procurement of information technology, and for other purposes.

SA 4159. Mr. BOOZMAN (for Mr. THUNE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3367, to amend certain transportation-related reporting requirements to improve congressional oversight, reduce reporting burdens, and promote transparency, and for other purposes.

SA 4160. Mr. BOOZMAN (for Mr. CASSIDY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3444, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lake Charles, Louisiana, as the “Douglas Fournet Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

SA 4161. Mr. BOOZMAN (for Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Boozman to the bill S. 3641, to enhance efforts to combat human trafficking in connection with the catching and processing of seafood products imported into the United States, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SA 4162. Mr. BOOZMAN (for Mr. CASSIDY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4227, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes.

### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4155. Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. ALEXANDER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6615, to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2018”.

#### SEC. 2. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INJURIES.

Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 393C (42 U.S.C. 280b-1d) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) NATIONAL CONCUSSION DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, may implement concussion data collection and analysis to determine the prevalence and incidence of concussion.”;

(2) in section 394A(b)(42 U.S.C. 280b-3(b)), by striking “\$6,564,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019” and inserting “\$11,750,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”;

and

(3) by striking section 393C-1 (42 U.S.C. 280b-1e).

#### SEC. 3. STATE GRANTS FOR PROJECTS REGARDING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

Section 1252 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-52) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, acting through the Administrator for the Administration for Community Living,” after “The Secretary”;

(2) by striking subsection (e);

(3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j) as subsections (e) through (i), respectively; and

(4) in subsection (i), as so redesignated, by striking “\$5,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 2015 through 2019” and inserting “\$7,321,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”.