

S. 3084, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the limitation on pay for certain high-level employees and officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on March 12, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	1	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 3084 would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase the cap on salaries for regional directors of its health care system and for staff of the department's Under Secretary of Health. The bill would increase the cap for those positions from \$160,100 to \$197,300, as set by the executive schedule for 2020.

Under current law, most of those staff, who also are physicians, dentists, and registered nurses, are exempt from the lower salary cap and earn salaries above \$160,100. Using information from VA, CBO estimates that the bill would increase the salaries of 7 people, who are currently subject to the lower salary cap, by 23 percent, from an average salary of \$150,700 to \$185,700 in 2020. After adjusting for inflation, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1 million over the 2020-2025 period; that spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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