

H.R. 2911, VA Transparency and Trust Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 4, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	2	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 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2911 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit to the Congress biweekly reports on its expenditure of certain funds made available in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The bill would also require VA's Inspector General to report on the department's use of such funds. Further, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) would be required to review VA's use of such funds and to provide recommendations for improving VA's process of expending such funds.

On the basis of the cost of similar reporting requirements by VA, CBO estimates that it would cost the department \$1 million to complete those reports and the audit. CBO estimates that it would cost GAO \$1 million to complete its study. In total, implementing H.R. 2911 would cost \$2 million over the 2021-2026 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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