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# H. R. 4591

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2021

Mr. MRVAN (for himself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. BOST, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “VA Electronic Health  
5 Record Transparency Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTS ON COSTS OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS ELECTRONIC HEALTH**  
3 **RECORD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days there-  
6 after until the termination date specified in subsection (b),  
7 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Com-  
8 mittees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of  
9 Representatives a report on the costs of the Electronic  
10 Health Record Modernization program of the Department  
11 of Veterans Affairs. Each such report shall include, for  
12 the period covered by the report and for the total period  
13 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and  
14 ending on the date of the submittal of the report, a de-  
15 scription of all actual expenses driven by such program,  
16 including—

17 (1) any funds expended from the budget of the  
18 Veterans Health Administration, the Office of Infor-  
19 mation and Technology, or any other program;

20 (2) direct and indirect funds;

21 (3) any amount expended on an infrastructure  
22 project necessitated or expedited by the Electronic  
23 Health Record Modernization program that the Sec-  
24 retary determines would have been obligated or ex-  
25 pended even in the absence of such program; and

1           (4) any expenditure associated with consultants  
2           that are not included in the Electronic Health  
3           Record Modernization program contract.

4           (b) TERMINATION DATE.—The requirement to sub-  
5           mit a report under subsection (a) shall terminate on the  
6           date that is 180 days after the date on which the Secretary  
7           submits to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the  
8           Senate and House of Representatives certification that the  
9           Electronic Health Record Modernization program has  
10          been fully implemented.

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