

119TH CONGRESS
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To direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly select a joint uniform credentialing and privileging system for medical providers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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. JOINT UNIFORM CREDENTIALING AND PRIVI-**
4 **LEGING SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS**
5 **AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE**
6 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

7 (a) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Af-
4 fairs, in consultation with the Domestic Policy Coun-
5 cil, shall jointly submit to the appropriate commit-
6 tees of Congress a report on the medical provider
7 credentialing and privileging systems in use by the
8 Department of Defense and the Department of Vet-
9 erans Affairs.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
11 graph (1) shall include each of the following:

12 (A) A description of the scope and scale of
13 the medical provider credentialing and privi-
14 leging systems in use by the Department of De-
15 fense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

16 (B) A description of the type of data
17 stored on each system.

18 (C) A description of the portability of pro-
19 vider credentialing and privileging information
20 under each system.

21 (D) A description of the interoperability
22 between provider credentialing systems.

23 (E) A description of the risk management
24 system, adverse actions, and governance of each
25 system.

1 (F) A description of the limitations and
2 gaps in the interoperability and administration
3 of each system.

4 (G) Recommendations for scaling each sys-
5 tem and addressing gaps in the interoperability
6 and administration of each system, with the
7 goal of achieving a single, uniform system to be
8 used by both the Department of Defense and
9 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

10 (b) SELECTION.—Not later than January 1, 2027,
11 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans
12 Affairs, in consultation with the Domestic Policy Council,
13 shall jointly select one system from the systems in use by
14 the Department of Defense and the Department of Vet-
15 erans Affairs to serve as the joint uniform credentialing
16 and privileging system for both the Department of De-
17 fense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

18 (c) CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM.—The Secretary of De-
19 fense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure
20 that the joint uniform credentialing and privileging system
21 selected under subsection (b) has the capability to import
22 and share provider credentialing and privileging informa-
23 tion.

24 (d) CERTIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION.—Not
25 later than January 1, 2028, the Secretary of Defense and

1 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to
2 the appropriate committees of Congress a written certifi-
3 cation that the joint uniform credentialing and privileging
4 system selected under subsection (b) has been imple-
5 mented and is operational.

6 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
8 tees of Congress” means—

9 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
10 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

11 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
12 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of
13 Representatives.