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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 7. PROVISION OF SUPPORT BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REGARDING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM.

(a) SUPPORT.—The Secretary of Defense may support the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to the extent the Secretaries jointly consider feasible and advisable, in the development and implementation of an electronic health record system that—

(1) is derivative of the Military Health System Genesis record currently being developed and implemented by the Secretary of Defense; and

(2) achieves complete interoperability with the Military Health System Genesis.

(b) ANNUAL REVIEW.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary Veterans Affairs shall jointly conduct an annual review of the efforts undertaken by the Secretaries to achieve complete interoperability between the electronic health record system.
health record of the Department of Veterans Affairs and
the Military Health System Genesis.

(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—

(1) REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days after
completing each annual review under subsection (b),
the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Vet-
erans Affairs shall jointly submit to the Committees
on Armed Services and the Committees on Veterans’
Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representa-
tives a report on the review.

(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph
(1) shall include an assessment of the following:

(A) Milestones reached as part of the
schedule of development and acquisition as de-
veloped by the Department of Defense and the
Department of Veterans Affairs.

(B) Costs associated with development and
implementation.

(C) Actions, if any, of the Secretary of De-
fense in supporting the Secretary of Veterans
Affairs pursuant to subsection (a) with respect
to the development and implementation of an
electronic health record system and in achieving
complete interoperability with the Military
Health System Genesis.
(D) Status of the adoption of the national standards and architectural requirements identified by the Interagency Program Office of the Departments and in collaboration with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(d) TERMINATION.—The requirements under subsection (b) and (c) shall terminate on the date on which the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs jointly certify to the Committees on Armed Services and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives that the electronic health records of both the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs are completely interoperable.

(e) INTEROPERABILITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “interoperability” refers to the ability of different electronic health records systems or software to meaningfully exchange information in real time and provide useful results to one or more systems.